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.....Editorial.....

There are several points which it is necessary to clear up in the most prominent position possible, and the beginning of the editorial is about as prominent as we can get it. 1.) This is the issue of FLYING SAUCERS which follows the February 1960 issue, and since February was number 14, this is number 15. It is dated June, 1960, which means the April 1960 issue did not get printed! So, if you feel inclined to write and inform us you did not receive your April issue, please don't. We've got enough unanswered mail as it is! 2.) With the publication of our December 1959 issue, troubles began to pile up, but we want to make it perfectly clear, we were not visited by any men in black, nor were we silenced in any respect by any authority, governmental or otherwise. It is true that thousands of our magazines were mysteriously missing in transit, but the shortage was remedied by calling in unsold copies from newsstands. Thus it may be that you had trouble finding a copy at the newsstand at which you regularly buy your copy, but if so, we can fill your order from our stock. 3.) We don't intend to quit publication! If by any chance, FLYING SAUCERS ceases publication without a good reason given by your editor or his family, it will mean simply that everything we've said in the pages of FLYING SAUCERS is true, and that some powerful agency is attempting to keep these things secret. Is that plain enough? There are only two things that can make us voluntarily give up FLYING SAUCERS' publication, and they are extreme old age, or a million dollars (in which latter

case we will put out a magazine that will really bug your eyes!) 4.) Several rather prominent flying saucer personalities have written us in the following vein: "You sure ruined yourself with that fake North Pole trip of Admiral Byrd. Too bad—you might have gotten somewhere if you hadn't gone off the deep end!" To this we have only one reply: "Admiral Byrd did make a polar flight in 1947 exactly as described, with one exception—he made it to the South Pole, not the North. And as for getting somewhere, we really have, now! And how!"

With the publication of this June issue of FLYING SAUCERS, we have on hand such a tremendous mass of material that we can guarantee one thing—the next ten or twenty issues are going to be the most exciting publishing adventure in our long career! Anybody who is at all interested in flying saucers (to cover just one phase of the whole gigantic phenomenon) should not miss a future issue no matter what he thinks as of now. This isn't a sales pitch, because we're convinced we'll be working for nothing the rest of our lives, and we just don't care; what we've got to say has got to be said.

At the same time, with publication of this issue of FLYING SAUCERS, we know full well that the content is nowhere near what we wish it was, for a whole host of vexing reasons, but we do think it is a very fine issue, and that it is the forerunner of much finer to come. It is true that this issue contains very little that actually can be said to follow up our Polar Theory. If we had a large staff of writers to whom we could pass out the material

being received, and assign them particular aspects of it to whip into presentable shape, we could fill the magazine permanently with it. But your editor is one man, with a whole host of things to do, and he works on the theory that accomplishment is a matter of putting one foot in front of another, one at a time, and that is precisely what we are doing. If you stick with us long enough, our destination will become visible and obvious, and totally interesting.

But, with the space left us in this issue, let's just touch upon a few interesting and intriguing points. The first has to do with the interesting theory advanced by several of our readers, (and backed up with scads of mathematical calculations too!), that the North and South Magnetic Poles may be focal points of magnetism on a giant circle which progress at a prescribed pace just as the equinoxes, the constellations through the zodiac, the march of the stars about their spatial pathways. This progression along this circular pathway is even placed at about 12 miles per year, although we personally don't state that as any correct figure at this time—it could be slower or faster. The point is that the Magnetic Poles move steadily in a kind of earth-surface orbit around the Geographic Poles. At this time we will give only one bit of information, from among the dozens that have come to us, that points to merit in this theory. We would like to quote from the *Naval Aviation News*, page 18, January 1960 issue:

"The 'Lost Continent of Antarctica' came up with two more (more? —Ed.) debits on November 1 when a Navy Skytrain reported the disappearance of two tall mountains. The discovery was made during a routine aerial reconnaissance by a plane of VX-6. It flew over the

zig-zag route to be followed in the next three and one half months by a nine man traverse party in Marie Byrd Land. One of the mountains, Mr. Vinson, was charted during Operation **High Jump** in 1946-47. Mr. John Pirrit, glaciologist and leader of this year's traverse party, believe the 20,013-foot mountain non-existent as a result of observations made last year. Aboard the Skytrain he saw an aerial confirmation of his suspicions. Thirty miles further, the 15,000-foot Mt. Nimitz also failed to materialize as the Skytrain flew over its charted position. It is understandable how Mt. Vinson got on the chart, Mr. Pirrit said. By flying over the Executive Committee Range, an aberrated image of Mt. Sidley is seen. Mt. Sidley is about 180 miles from Byrd Station. Deduction therefore was that Mt. Vinson must have been a mirage."

In this report we are asked to believe: 1.) that in 1946-47 Operation **High Jump** charted two mountains which they named after Admirals Vinson and Nimitz, established the height of Mt. Vinson to be precisely 20,013 feet, and the height of Mt. Nimitz to be 15,000 feet (neither to be considered small mountains by any stretch of the imagination), and 12 years later these mountains are nowhere to be found, and in fact are explained away as "aberrated mirages." Not just mirages, but crazy ones! If your editor were a member of the original charters of these mountains in 1947, we would demand satisfaction for this insult. We cannot believe that the scientists of Operation **High Jump**, whose accomplishments can be reviewed in detail in the *National Geographic* (to give the easiest place for reference), were so crassly incompetent. We prefer to believe that

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HOW ATLAS' CAMERA LIES TO US!

Shown on FLYING SAUCERS' front cover this issue is a photo of the earth taken from an Atlas ICBM at an altitude of 100 miles, purporting to show the curvature of the Earth. As will be proved in this article, this cannot be a fact; that to use this or other photos as evidence of the curvature of the Earth is to misconstrue the evidence.

To those of us who have ever watched a ship sail to sea, it is evident that the Earth's surface is curved, and that the curvature drops away from our own position in all directions. We have watched the ship go hull-down over the horizon, its funnels and masts last to disappear. To an observer on the shore, standing six feet tall, the ship disappears very rapidly; and at the most, his limit of vision is 23 miles, the distance of the horizon. Also, allowing his eyes to travel around the horizon, he notes it to be curved, and if he is located on a ship at sea, he can turn about until he describes a full 360 degree circle and finds that the horizon returns to its starting point. He thus sees an area of the Earth's surface approximately 46 miles in diameter.

If our observer goes up in an airplane, perhaps to a height of a mile, he finds that the horizon (by what is called optical illusion?) ascends with him, so that although he has elevated himself a mile, the horizon also has seemed to elevate itself so that it is still directly ahead of him, at eye-level, and not below him, as he might suspect. Indeed, if he ascends ten miles, he finds the horizon still at eye-level.

As high as man has been, in balloon or plane, he has found that the horizon has kept pace with him. The only difference due to his variation

in height is a variation in the total area of the Earth's surface he can see. At one mile, he can see a great deal more than he can at 6 feet. How much more can be accurately calculated by anyone with a little knowledge of geometry. But one thing is sure, it is a far cry from seeing the whole Earth.

On our front cover we have a picture which shows an area of the Earth extending approximately from Omaha, Nebraska to Mexico City, Mexico. The exact distance can be determined by anyone interested by consulting a map, or measuring it on a globe. In comparison to the total expanse of one hemisphere of the Earth, it is an area illustrated in Figure I accompanying this article. It is easy to see that Atlas' camera can see, from its 100-mile-high perch, an area of the earth considerably less than the area of the United States. In relation to the North American continent as a whole, it is actually an insignificant portion. In relation to the two American continents, Europe and Africa, and portions of Asia, it is certainly far from the area of one side of the Earth. No person in seriousness could claim that the curved line originating from the location given as Omaha and culminating in the location described as Mexico City would be the curvature of the surface of the Earth, for the obvious

reason that it would reduce the diameter of the Earth to less than one-eighth its actual diameter!

It is easy to see that Omaha is not virtually on the other side of the Earth from Mexico City, yet in this photograph our eyes tell us that this is so! The camera (which does not lie?) tells us that to a person standing in Omaha, an inhabitant of Mexico City, like the traditional "Chinaman," stands with his head downward, and his feet toward those of the citizen of Omaha! Obviously, this curve, which we are told is the curvature of the Earth, is not the curvature of a body 8,300 (approximately) miles in diameter, but merely the **HORIZON** as viewed from 100 miles up! The Atlas' camera is seeing no more proof of the curvature of the Earth than our original observer standing on the seashore, watching a ship disappear below the horizon! All Atlas' camera sees is a larger area than the earth-bound observer. And it is an area circumscribed by that very same horizon that limits the range of ground observers, except that it is farther away.

The curve noticed is an optical illusion, an additionally pronounced distortion of the straight line (viewed horizontally) of the horizon, which is a property of all lenses, including the human eye. As we increase the distance from a horizontally placed straight line, the apparent curvature of it increases, inversely with the square of the distance. At a sufficient distance, it becomes a complete circle.

This curved line which purports to show the curvature of the Earth from 100 miles up is the horizon as seen from the Atlas, and the area covered is demonstrated by Figure II, which shows the incidence of the line of sight from the Atlas with the surface of the Earth, which actually is curved, but is limited to

our position and the aberrations induced by circular lenses such as those of a camera and those of the human eye. In this Atlas photograph, the camera has still been aimed horizontally, at right angles to the perpendicular, and what is being seen is still at eye-level to the observer, be he human or camera!

Many of us have seen, on our television screens, the movies of the curvature of the Earth taken from an Atlas. We have noted the curved side of the Earth as it moves jerkily past us in a vertical direction, and have marveled at the wonder of seeing the actual curve of the Earth. But this, too, is an inadvertant (?) trick, for if we were to lie on our sides before our television set we would be treated to a peculiar illusion—the Earth curvature we marvel at as we sit erect now becomes merely the horizon, and even to our inexperienced eye, we know that it is in a straight line and the curve is only the progression of that line around us (as is the habit of horizons) in its effort to surround us completely in a full 360 degree circle!

All that is being seen in every photo of the Earth taken from space is the horizon, and nothing else. And it is not curved; the whole thing is the very familiar optical illusion. The extent of the horizon does not tell us the Earth is round—it is the "hull-down" effect of a ship as it proceeds away from us, not the "passing in review" before us. The only way a photo from space could prove the Earth to be round would be by the portion of the launching rocket seen falling away from us (as in the photos seen on television) until it disappears OVER the horizon, and goes "hull-down," exactly as a ship does on the sea!

Lest the reader think we are saying the Earth is not round, let us hasten to reassure him. The hull-

down effect proves that it is not flat, at least. We find the evidence quite convincing. But to take this matter of **apparently curving horizons** as evidence is beyond all reasoning, and beyond all justification.

If we assume that we get an Atlas camera out into space say 100,000 miles, and then turn the camera back and take a picture of the earth, we will still see **only the horizon**, but now, because of the distortion factor of lenses, and because of our much greater height, we will see the **whole horizon**, in its full 360 degrees, without the necessity of having to wheel about in our tracks. But, as in Figure III, it will be obvious that we are still not seeing the entire extent of the area of the Earth's 180 degree hemisphere. There is still a narrow area **beyond the horizon** which we cannot see! And no matter how far we go into space, be it **light years** away, due to the fact that the lens with which we view the Earth is literally a **point** in space, while the Earth is 8,300 miles in diameter, there will always remain an infinitesimal area (or might it really be gigantic?) between the horizon and the actual boundary of the sphere itself which we will find "hull-down" from our point of vantage.

The foregoing fact is unassailable. If it is, then parallel lines meet in less than infinity, and Einstein's "curved universe" is not only curved, but tangled up like a huge ball of spaghetti!

When we look at the moon, the outer rim of its circumference is not really its outer rim, but its horizon. There is a portion on that rim we cannot see, although it is **not** behind the moon. The only way the actual limit of the circumference could be seen is for us to be able, by some legerdemain, to widen the distance between our two eyes

to approximately 3000 miles, so that the rays of light from the moon would literally be parallel, and those from one side of the moon's apparent diameter fall into one eye, and those from the other into the other eye. And even then it would be a matter of mental perceptive rationalization. Certainly to the single lens of the camera, or the telescope, the full diameter of the moon cannot be seen, because the portion below the horizon will remain forever invisible.

It is a well-known fact that different kinds of light (ultra violet and infra red as examples) give different dimensions to observed objects. Even in natural light, the lighted side of a half moon seems to have a greater diameter than the dark side, and a photograph will show this to be true. Called an optical illusion, astronomers have failed to explain why a camera is subject to optical illusions.

Dave Garroway, in his Today program, showed the movie films we have previously mentioned, which supposedly show the curvature of the Earth (and indeed, the expert who was present to demonstrate the actual procedure in taking the pictures said it was the curvature of the Earth!), and noting the peculiar jerkiness and rocking motion of the film, and the amazing speed with which the curvature passed before the camera, asked the reason for it, and whether the film was not "speeded up," and actually had been taken at much slower frame speed. The expert explained as follows: The camera, mounted in a horizontal plane, was photographing the curvature of the Earth as the rocket **ascended straight up**, and the jerky rocking effect was the rocket's own wavering motions as it ascended, but that the apparent speed was not real, that the

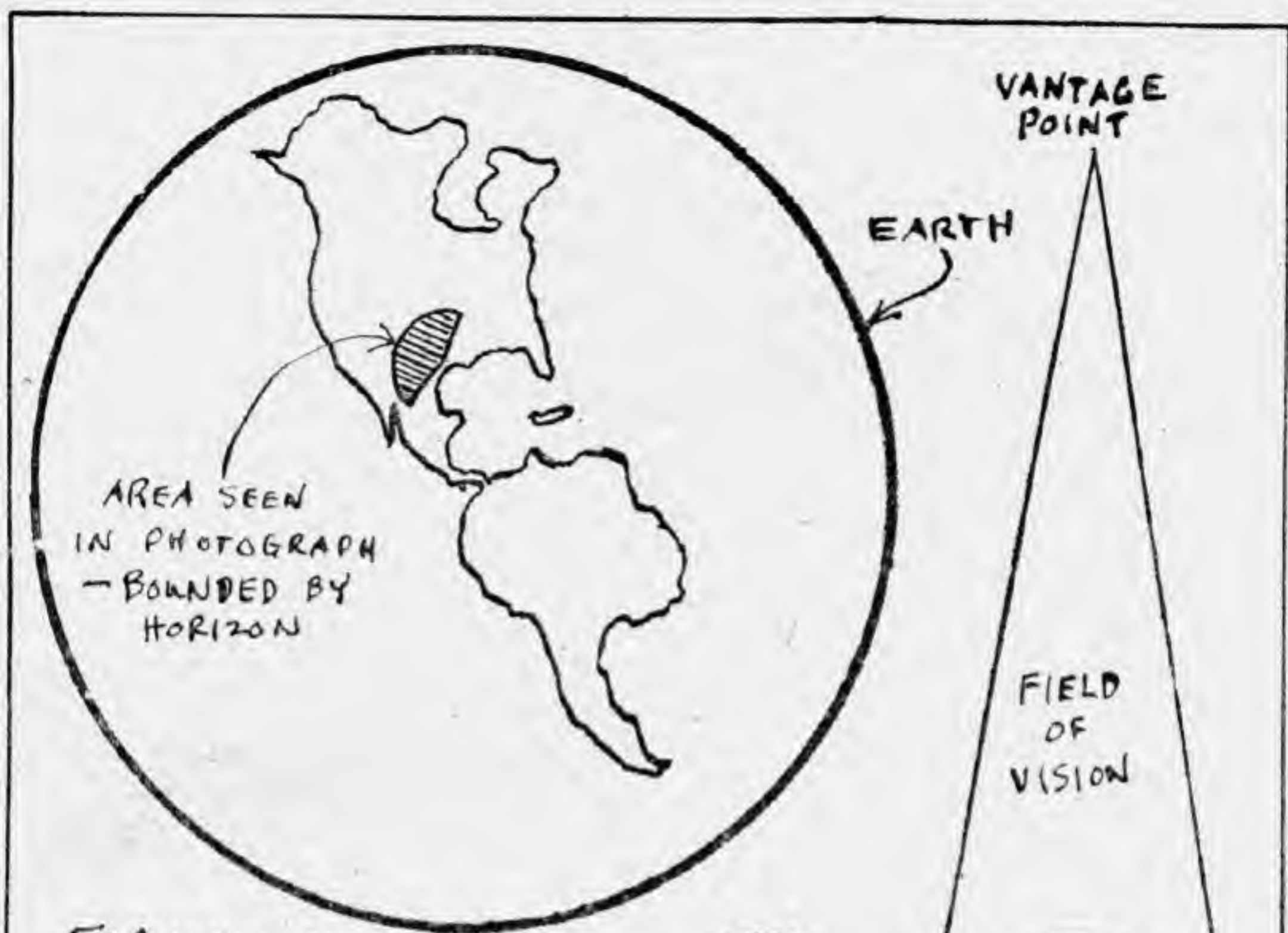


FIGURE I

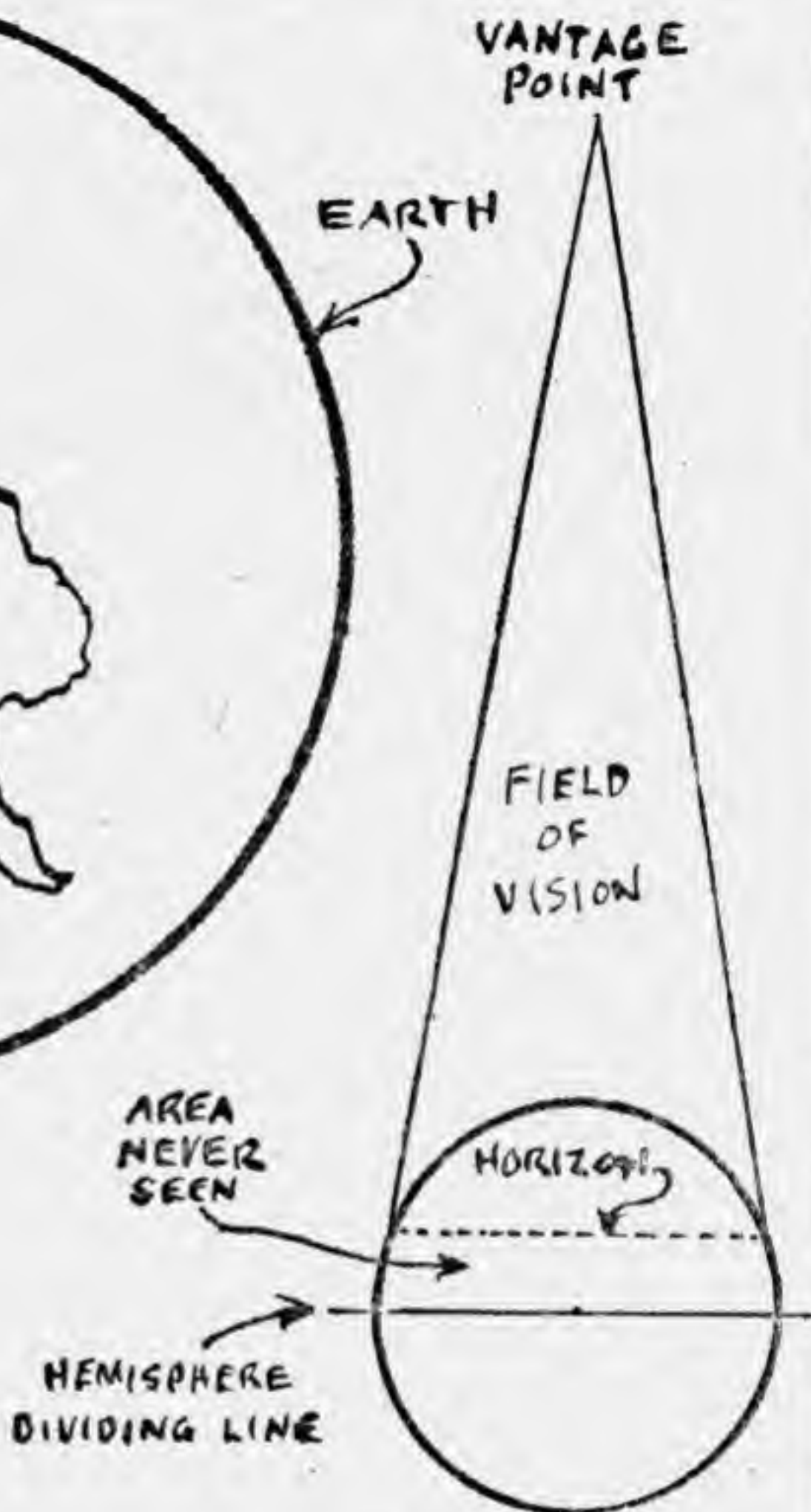


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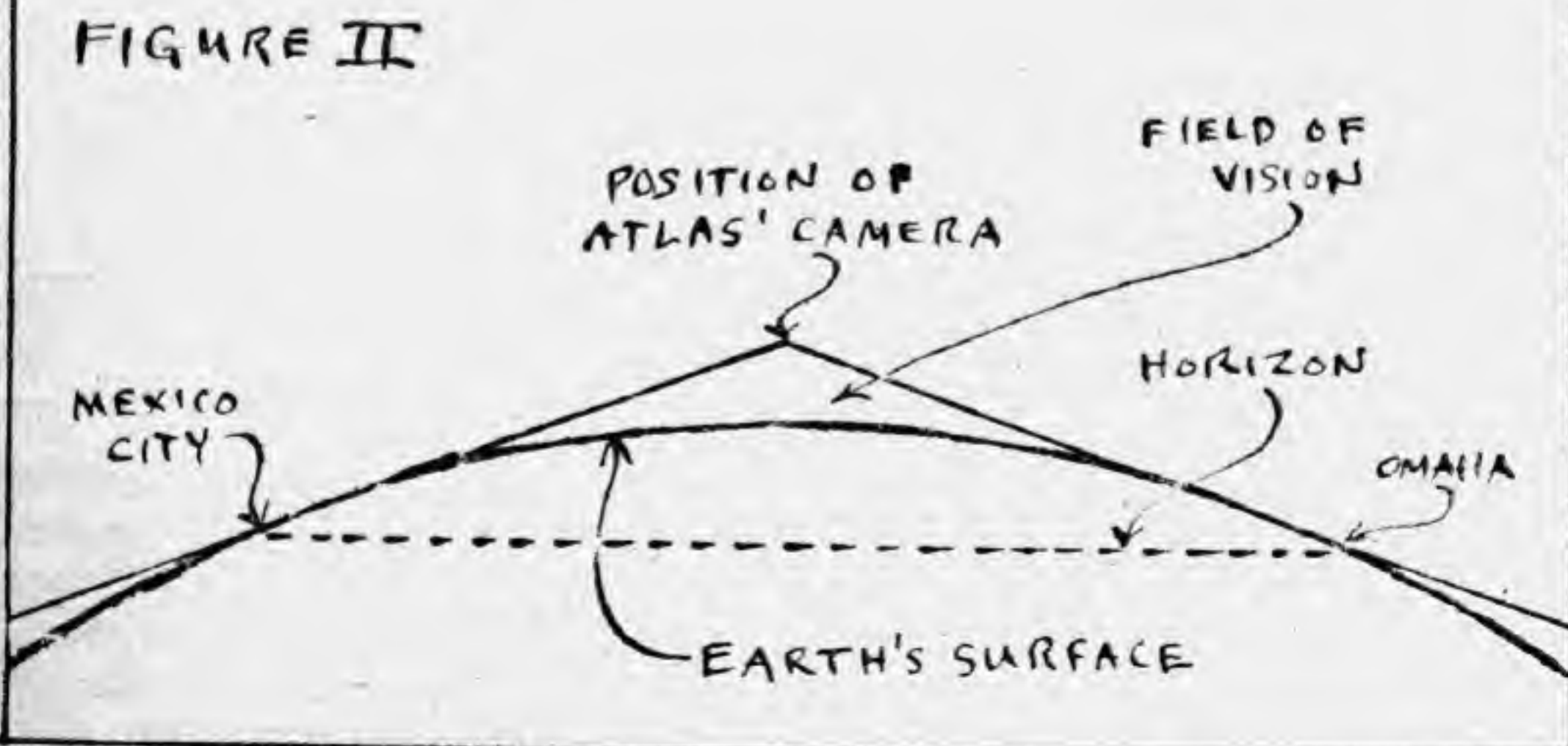


FIGURE II

rocket was rotating on its vertical axis as well as climbing, and that was the reason the camera could photograph the entire curvature of the Earth. He made it plain to Garroway (and to this writer) that the rocket was not actually going around the Earth in an orbit, but had merely been fired straight up, to fall almost straight back.

This writer submits that it must be a deliberate action to run the film (or mount the camera) so that the motion would be in a perpendicular fashion, rather than horizontal, in order to create the illusion of curvature, rather than of the **straight horizon** which it would obviously be if run past the observer's eyes in the proper style, to conform with the proper erect horizontal mounting of the camera in the side of the rocket which is ascending straight upward.

We have also seen photos (movies) taken from the rear of a detaching nose cone, showing the rocket falling away below. This was taken at a considerably greater altitude, but shows no curvature, or horizon whatever. At no time is the supposed curvature of the edge of the Earth, or even a horizon, in view. The reason is obvious—the rocket (at 300 or more) miles, was not at all high enough for the field of the camera's lens to take in more than a small area of the ground

directly below.

The next time you see a picture of the Earth's curvature, turn it on its side, view it properly, and you will see only the horizon, which may be more distant than you are accustomed to viewing, but your mind will tell you that it is not curved, only appears to be so because no matter at which point on the line you look, the **distance** is the same, and if the line were straight, logically it should appear to bend away from you as the angle of viewing became greater. This is the true "optical illusion" of the horizon.

The Atlas' camera has not shown us the curvature of the Earth, only a more distant horizon. To say that it proves the Earth is curved is to misconstrue and distort the evidence. The Earth is surely curved, but the evidence is **SOLELY** visible in the familiar "hull-down" phenomenon, and no other!

The scientists are so anxious to show off the knowledge that we all possess anyway from our own simple observations, that they are not averse to a little "subterfuge" to get into the limelight. Either that, or they actually cannot tell the difference between the curvature of the Earth and the horizon. In which case it would be better to give the cameras to someone with the ability to use them correctly!

THE END

Editorial...

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Mts. Vinson and Nimitz were exactly where the 1947 cartographers placed them, and that they are **still there**. We predict that they will be re-discovered, and will be said to be several hundred miles away from their originally charted location. (But everybody knows mountains don't move!) It may be that they

will not be recognized then, but certainly their original discoverers took pictures of them. If anyone can provide us with pictures of these two mountains, **and** a picture of Mt. Sidley, we will be glad to publish them all, to prove that they are three different mountains, and that two of them are not "aberrated images" of the third!

There was only one way to chart these mountains, and that was by
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SAUCERS SERIOUS BUSINESS

..... AIR FORCE

After many years of denial, the Air Force has finally admitted that the saucers are something to be considered seriously, and in fact, directs personnel to track them down!

THE U.S. Air Force has sent its commands a new warning to treat sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects as "serious business" directly related to the nation's defense.

An air force spokesman confirmed issuance of the directive.

The new regulations were issued by the air force inspector general Dec. 24, 1959.

The regulations, updating similar ones issued in the past, outlined procedures and said that "investigations and analysis of UFOs are directly related to the air force's responsibility for the defense of the United States."

The air force has investigated 6,312 reports of UFOs since 1947, including 183 during the last six months of 1959. The latest air force statement said, "No physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment of a so-called flying saucer, has ever been found."

The inspector general's document was headed "UFOs serious business," and went on to say in part:

"Unidentified flying objects sometimes treated lightly by the press and referred to as 'flying saucer,' must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business.

"**AIR FORCE** concern with these sightings is threefold. First of all, is the object a threat to the defense of the United States? Secondly, does it contribute to technical or scientific knowledge?"

The third point cited was the

question of how to explain the sightings to the public. The inspector general predicted that "UFO sightings will increase, causing public apprehension."

The inspector general told investigating officers to be "equipped with Geiger counters, cameras, binoculars, magnifying glasses, containers for any UFO material secured."

Apparently, behind the scenes, high-ranking air force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs.

One of the most interesting points in the directive is the one which predicts that UFO sightings will increase, causing public apprehension. Such a positive prediction must be based on information not available to the public! And to say, further, that public apprehension will result is most significant: it infers a caliber of knowledge which places a sharp edge upon the word "serious" in the directive. Nothing but a menace could cause public apprehension, or at least, the public can construe the mysterious sightings to come as menacing. To the uninformed, the unknown is always a cause for wariness and alarm.

It would seem time now for Congress to investigate, and set the American public at ease—or at the worst, tell them what they must be on guard against. No citizen can be denied the right to know a fact which is "serious business" under the Constitution! Readers of **FLYING SAUCERS** should tell their Congressmen so!

LET'S FOLLOW THIS UP!

Here, explained by these news stories, is something we can sink our teeth into. Either side will have to put up, or shut up! And we don't intend to accept any actual "shut up". If these bits of material evidence are actually proof, let's have it made public. If Major Tacker can show that it is not proof, let's have it made public too! **FLYING SAUCERS** will print both sides of the story—and we **REQUEST IT!**

GROUP CLAIMS PROOF OF FLYING SAUCER

ALAMAGORDO (UPI)—A research group here said today it has uncovered evidence that indicates unidentified aerial objects from "somewhere other than earth" are operating within our planet's atmosphere.

The Aerial Phenomenal Research Organization (APRO) notified Air Force officials in Washington that the group has in its possession actual physical evidence that flying saucers are extra-terrestrial in origin.

"The most advanced laboratory tests, including spectro-analysis, indicate the material could not have been produced by any known method on earth," Coral Lorenzen, director of APRO, said.

In his letter to Maj. Lawrence J. Tacker, PIO spokesman for the Air Force, Lorenzen said the physical evidence is a portion of "an extra-terrestrial vehicle that crashed in the earth's atmosphere."

APRO offered to submit the material to the Air Force for scientific study. APRO is made up of scientists, astronomers and space and missile experts, and is headquartered in Alamogordo.

Lorenzen said in his letter to Tacker:

"A release which you issued early this year states that no physical or material evidence, not even a

minute fragment of so-called flying saucers, has ever been found. This statement, as it stands, is not true.

"APRO has in its possession the physical evidence which the United States Air Force denies having been able to acquire. It is in fact, a portion of an extra-terrestrial vehicle which met with disaster in the earth's atmosphere. The catastrophe was witnessed by numerous human beings."

To the Editor of The Cincinnati Enquirer

I am sorry your editorial policy expressed on March 4 continues to show lack of information about UFOs ("flying saucers").

It is strange that a civilization on the verge of getting out into space is so unwilling to consider the possibility that others have done so. What constitutes proof of the existence of UFOs? A few fragments would be convincing, but is the lack of them necessarily negative proof? The Air Force prattles about numbers of hoaxes and illusions, etc., but one "good" sighting—for example, a UFO is recorded on radar from the ground and in the air and sighted visually at the same time from both places, in daylight—is significant even if it is made during the same month or year as a thousand false identifications. The percentages so persistently put forward are meant to disguise this fact.

Two years ago the Brazilian President released to the press a photograph of a UFO taken aboard the Navy ship Almirante Saldanha. It had been developed aboard under strict supervision and positively certified as authentic. It showed the UFO in such detail as to leave no doubt as to what it was. The public reaction was tremendous. A congressional investigation was held and a full report made public.

There were other sightings. A meteorological balloon was sucked into a cumulus cloud, to emerge 10 minutes later minus its instruments. Immediately after a UFO emerged from the cloud. The instruments were never recovered. All this under the daytime scrutiny of a trained crew.

Admiral Hillenkoetter (Ret.), Admiral Knowles (Ret.) and other distinguished NICAP Board members think there is evidence of the reality and intelligent direction of the UFOs. This is one subject about which people have the "right to know."

When is the American press going to awaken to the real significance

of the news story of the era, print the whole truth and demand a congressional investigation?

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"SPACE SHIP" PIECES MAY MAY BE CHECKED BY AF

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The Air Force has advised a woman who claims to have pieces of a space ship which entered the earth's atmosphere to send the material to a government analysis center.

A spokesman said that it is routine to refer all reported sightings or other evidence of unidentified flying objects to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, Alamogordo, N. Mex., wrote to Maj. Lawrence Tacker of the USAF Headquarters Public Information Office that particles of the object had been found. She sent along with the letter a photograph of the material.

Tacker replied that the "proper office to which this evidence should be submitted" is the center at Wright-Patterson.

Editorial...

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use of the magnetic compass and with an assist from the sun and stars. Since the sun and stars are totally unreliable in these far southern areas as a means of precise location, it would be the major role of the compass to give direction, to make the role of the sun in giving latitude and longitude at all positive. Thus, if the South Magnetic Pole travels about on its circular orbit at the rate of anywhere from 12 to 18 miles per year, it is certainly to be expected that an expedition twelve years later, charting

its way southward, will wind up more than a hundred miles away from the mountains in question, while believing themselves to be unquestionably in the same spot!

It is this mysterious factor that has lead to so many arguments among polar explorers. Lands discovered and charted have later been impossible to find within thousands of miles of their original supposed locations. Over the hundreds of years of North Polar exploration, succeeding explorers have often marveled at the evident fact that their predecessors could have been so wrong in their mapping efforts.

As an interesting aside, the Naval Aviation News, same page, tells of

two types of insects which are regularly collected on three-hour bug-runs by sleeve-nets thrust from the doors of a single engine UC-1 Otter. One of the bugs is a small wingless fly and the other is called a springtail. The theory is advanced that these insects are blown into the deep freeze of Antarctica by prevailing winds, for certainly they cannot live in this area of temperatures down to 100 degrees below zero and lower. It is interesting to note that it is a wingless insect that is picked up in some warmer clime and deposited here in Antarctica. This is a "ground-scooping" wind, we are forced to hazard, and we wonder why it is that hundreds of other species of tiny wingless (and why not winged also?) insects are not likewise scooped up by this prevailing wind and brought hither? Also, if this is the answer, why waste time in regular three-hour "bug-runs" to collect the little beasties? A great deal like a camel straining at a gnat! To what purpose? Once you've got one bucketful, do you try for a hundred? Perhaps springtail soup is delicious!

On March 4, 1960, Charles Morris, Dubuque, Iowa, airplane instructor saw flying saucers. It was at sundown, and he saw three silver saucer-shaped objects whirring along at about 200 miles per hour, about 20,000 feet up. Morris can prove he saw them because he got 19 feet of film with his movie camera. That is, he could have proved it, if he had kept the film. But he gave it to the "federal government" (Air Force?) for processing and study (and safe keeping, we presume!). Too bad, Morris—you might as well get used to it—you didn't see a blame thing! What pictures, Morris? Let us know when you get 'em back, will you? And if you do, prove they are the same pic-

tures, and that they are intact. Whoops, there goes another rubber-tree plant!

Remember Edward Ruppelt, whose book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" sold 50,000 copies, and which contained so much inaccurate information about yours truly? Well, the book has been revised and reissued, and now, whereas the first edition said "they is," now he says "they ain't." "Flying Saucers were (note the past tense) the illusions of people who didn't understand what they really saw: weather balloons, passing aircraft, stars, etc." The book is to be translated into French, German, Portuguese also, and published abroad. As a publisher, your editor wonders why? Not to make money, certainly, because it can't possibly! Mr. Ruppelt is a resident, by the way of Long Beach, where he draws the long bow—which we've gone into before regarding the things he said about your editor, and by golly, there is one place we can stand on firmly! We were **there**, Ruppelt, and you weren't! So much for your new book to brainwash the peasants (that's us).

In 1911 Explorer Robert F. Scott tried to reach the South Pole on foot. At one point, apparently, he stopped to build a hut, because on February 1, 1960, it was reported by Professor Robert L. Nichols, head of the Tufts College-National Science Foundation Expedition, that his five-man party had found the hut, and inside it found books, shoes, spice boxes and a tobacco tin used by the English explorer, who lost his life in 1912. Thus far, we haven't been able to reach Professor Nichols to ask him what the hut was constructed of. If of wood, where did Scott get the wood? And if of snow blocks, how did Nichols find it? Even Byrd's camp, which everyone

knew how to locate, was buried deep beneath the surface, in perpetual ice, and they had to tunnel down to it. What chance did Nichols have to find this hut? But he did, apparently, and it is called a "hut." Our curiosity is aroused! If he used native wood to build it, we are not being told all the details. Was the hut in a warm area where trees grew, and snow didn't pile a hundred feet of ice atop the hut in the 49 years since Scott built it?

Ever hear of "The Pole of Inaccessibility" (outside FLYING SAUCERS, that is?). Well, it's on the maps (some maps) of the North Polar Area. It is supposed to be a land mass between Alaska and the North Pole. In 1925 Jacob Gayer was the lensman on the National Geographic—U.S. Navy expedition to find it. All the expedition found was mirages—no land. Jacob Gayer took the first color pictures north of the Arctic Circle, and we wonder if he took pictures of the mirages. Mirages, by the way, are real—they are reflections of land beyond the horizon. We wonder what land it could be; the nearest land in that direction is over a thousand miles away. Quite a jump for a mirage!

It is often that this editor makes obvious statements, but maybe this is not one of the times! The implications might not be so obvious. . . In this issue you have read something of NICAP's challenge about governmental secrecy regarding UFO. In past issues you have read a varied diet of semi-commendation and of criticism for NICAP (which, if you don't know the meaning of the letters is Major Donald Keyhoe's organization National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). In fact, Mr. Keyhoe has been angry with us several times. Your editor is a member of his or-

ganization, paying dues, and getting the bulletin published by the organization. In the main, it does a lot of good work, and the information contained in the bulletin is valuable and helpful. Our major criticism to date of Major Keyhoe has been his continual beating of the drums for interplanetary origin of the flying saucers. Among other criticisms was one in which Kenneth Arnold was involved, and on which we have the most inside of inside information, the ill-advised Armstrong Circle Theatre TV "bust" on UFO, wherein Major Keyhoe was supposedly cut off the air when he began to demand a congressional investigation. We hinted that we felt the whole thing was a "fix". Kenneth Arnold, sensing that the show was to be rigged, refused to go on it, even after being brought to New York for that express purpose. The program, in its presentation, did inestimable damage to the cause of flying saucers, we believe. But in one respect it helped, because to those "in the know", the rigging was too obvious, and only served to make them more fervent in their efforts to find out more about UFO.

This time we want to criticize nobody, least of all Major Keyhoe. We want only to make a point, and we hope to hurt nobody's feelings. The point is very simple: Vice-Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter was Director of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency, now headed by Allen Dulles, brother of John Foster Dulles) on January 17, 1953, when a classified CIA-UFO report was drawn up, the complete text of which Congress has been unable to obtain! As you can see, this is a loaded, double entendre point, because it also asks if there was such a report? Your editor just doesn't know.

Because of Hillenkoetter's CIA background, this editor would like

to advance as possibility that NICAP is actually a UFO mouth-piece for the CIA (or whatever agency of government, if such exists, that is responsible for saucer secrecy).

There are several factors in your editor's mind which arouse his thoughtful suspicion, which existed from the first day we received the original prospectus of NICAP. The dues, for one thing, were \$100.00. Or perhaps it was membership, we disremember—but a lot of money was involved. This was hastily cut down, several times, when the very amount produced no results, and in fact, brought suspicion. Next, in spite of the fact that this editor is not only the first flying saucer investigator, but the possessor of the largest private file of information in the world, and the publisher of the only newsstand magazine on flying saucers, and has repeatedly offered to help NICAP, this help has been refused. We even offered to publish their magazine as a section of FLYING SAUCERS with absolutely no editing, the entire section to be exactly as prepared by Major Keyhoe, and to pay the entire cost of production with our part being our regular subscription price. At that time this would have left NICAP the larger share of the membership fee, and would have provided the capital he said he needed. But did he need capital then? At first, it seemed, he had money to spend. It was probably his, but it was soon gone. We privately wondered if it was his?

Next, appearing on two national television hookups (Mike Wallace' odious "pin the tail on the donkey" show was the other), Major Keyhoe succeeded only in making the case for UFO look very weak.

To be entirely fair, nobody else has made the UFO subject appear very strong, and that includes us.

Not in an official governmental way, that is. We've convinced a lot of private citizens, but have gotten nowhere in overcoming the secrecy and ridicule blanket that is so obviously being thrown over the whole subject. In that, Mr. Keyhoe can hardly be condemned only regarded in mutual sympathy.

But one accusation we made, which was the only one that aroused Major Keyhoe to a public denunciation of us, was the fact that NICAP's board of governors and advisors was loaded with military personnel. Now, in the interest of adding to the record, we make our point regarding Vice-Admiral Hillenkoetter. He is not only military (retired) but also secret intelligence (retired)!

We may be all wrong, and the whole of NICAP's membership is sincere and truthful. But it is a **FACT**, and one that cannot be ignored without great danger of doing serious harm to the effort to get the truth of UFO, that it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to take things said by Hillenkoetter as gospel, because of the background of the man. He was head of the CIA, and he's like a wife who cannot testify against her husband—his testimony is legally prejudiced and unacceptable. When he talks of secrecy, it must be remembered that he was secrecy in the past, and top man.

Let's not be lulled into ceasing our own efforts to get congressional investigation into flying saucers by the supposition that NICAP and Hillenkoetter are on the job and that therefore everything possible is being done, and all is well.

Of course what we have said has little point, other than the fact that is already obvious, NICAP is still loaded with ex-military personnel, and to people with suspicious minds (your editor has the

worst possible case!) whatever they say should be examined carefully.

Let it not be misunderstood—we believe NICAP is a good thing, and we think everybody interested in finding out the truth about UFO should be a member, and get that publication. It contains vital information. It is valuable. And we may be wholly wrong, and the implication of the military (and intelligence) personnel preponderance in NICAP is because each and every one, now retired, is making an effort to overcome an evil he could not combat while actually in the service! Accordingly, we print herewith the address of NICAP, for the benefit of all who wish to join it. Write to: NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C. The March, 1960, bulletin carries no membership fee, nor subscription price, so we can't give that to you, but you can write for the cost if interested—and you should be.

It would seem that there are more persons in this strangely shaped world who are in doubt about the poles. Now Swedish polar experts are challenging two American North Pole claims. They doubt whether Admiral Richard Byrd ever reached the pole on his famous flight of May 9, 1926. And they say it's unlikely that Admiral Robert Peary was the first man to reach the pole. Peary is credited with reaching the pole on April 6, 1909. Professor Gosta Liljequist of Uppsala University says that weather conditions on the day of Byrd's flight made it unlikely that he could have reached the pole and returned to base in the 15 hours and 30 minutes claimed. And Dr. Walter Schytt of Stockholm University says of Peary: "It is unbelievable that such an old man who could not ski and who traveled on foot could cover between 100 and 120 kilometers a day over rough po-

lar ice." No less an authority than Berndt Balchen agrees that Peary could not have reached the pole.

In our next issue, we will try to have a very exciting article concerning the mysterious "Pole of Inaccessibility", and Admiral Byrd's mysterious "land in the sky" statement. So seriously was this taken that an actual expedition was sent to photograph it.

We will also further our "case for a hollow planet" with a very intriguing article which will sum up some of the evidence that is readily available which points to the possibility. We have in preparation another article which culls from the Bible a surprising amount of testimony that the writers of the Bible believed the Earth to be possessed of mystery lands and openings at the poles. To the believer in the Bible, this article will be quite a staggering one. Your editor believes in the Bible, and in fact, has studied it since boyhood, intrigued by what it says that nobody else seems to realize it says. The science hidden in the Bible is striking in the light of this century's discoveries. The Bible says the Earth is hollow, and tells why it is (or was) not possible to get into it.

A very important article to come will contain an interview with (name withheld for reasons that will become obvious when the article is published!) which will give the facts about Byrd's 1926 polar flight!

If you missed the December issue of **FLYING SAUCERS**, in which all this inner earth material began to appear, and the February issue in which it was continued, we still have copies available, at 35c. You may regret not having a copy as time goes by and future issues of **FLYING SAUCERS** get you intrigued!—Rap.

The **MYSTERY SATELLITE SNAFU**

On February 24, 1960, the Defense Department announced that Americans could relax—the “mystery satellite” was no longer a mystery, but was the Discoverer V capsule, and thus was “one of ours”. Nothing could be farther from the truth, as the following facts will show. And since it is untrue, it seems to be about time for all readers of FLYING SAUCERS to write their Congressmen and demand an investigation. Contrary to the Air Force Manual, which states: “Another foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what’s going on. Most people realize the foolhardiness of such a suggestion.” the citizens of this country DO have a right to know what is going on PARTICULARLY when, as we show here, they are being MISLED.

For the purposes of this article, we will refer first to an article printed in the February, 1959 issue of FLYING SAUCERS concerning a giant Russian reconnaissance satellite which had been observed from early July, 1957, not only by your editor, but by astronomers the world over, particularly Italian astronomers, who were first to publish their suspicions that a “mystery” satellite was circling the globe. In this article, we reported truthfully that the Air Force at Cape Canaveral had on September, 24, 1958, picked up a three-hour-long signal on a frequency used by the Soviets but not the U.S., indicating a satellite (specifically of the reconnaissance type because of its orbit) at a height of 22,000 miles.

Since that date, no less than five different such “mystery” satellites have been variously reported, not officially, but by unofficial sources. Whether or not these reports can be substantiated is a moot question, but some of them come from so-called “unimpeachable” sources.

However, at least one report is official, and that is the report by the Defense Department on February 10, 1960, that a mystery satellite in a polar orbit, which “may be of Soviet origin,” had been “recently discovered.”

Let’s analyze the reports as they were issued: The first report said the satellite was about 19 feet long, and weighed possibly 32,000 pounds. This was hastily withdrawn, to be replaced by a size estimate of “as big as an oil truck,” or maybe even bigger. Another report said that the Defense Department had knowledge of this object (by radar tracking, etc.) for “several months” prior to publicizing it. An immediately following report changed this to “several weeks.” The final report on actual dates gives us August 13! For a time it was suggested that this object might be the last rocket stage of Lunik III, but this was recanted when somebody pointed out that Lunik III had been launched on October 4, 1959.

Finally on February 24, 1960, the

following announcement was made "official." It was released by the Defense Department: "The mysterious object recently discovered in polar orbit around the earth probably is the capsule of the Discoverer V space vehicle launched by the United States last August 13. On the basis of analysis to date, it is believed this vehicle most probably is the ejected recovery capsule of Discoverer V launched into polar orbit in August. The refined analysis of radar returns, the Defense Department said, now indicates the mystery object is about 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet long, the size of the Discoverer V capsule. The capsule separated from its launcher August 14 according to radio telemetry information (received from the carrier rocket)."

The facts concerning Discoverer V are as follows: It was launched August 13, 1959. It fell to earth September 28, 1959. Its "payload," which weighed 450 pounds, was detached from the carrier rocket on August 14, planned to descend to earth in the vicinity of the Hawaiian Islands, where an Air-Force-Navy combined task force was to either catch it in midair as it parachuted down, or failing that, rescue it from the sea. No sign of the released capsule was detected, either from its radio, its signal lights, or by radar observation, or visually. Its ejection toward earth was definitely signaled by the telemetry mechanism in the carrier rocket.

Since the nose cone was a portion of the rocket as placed in orbit, its fall could not have been later than the fall of its parent rocket, which occurred on September 28, yet we are informed that by some incredible impossibility, it is still in orbit, although thousands of miles from its original polar orbit, on February 24, 1960!

Even if we allow this preposterous explanation to stand, where are we going to get "missing" Discoverer capsules to account for the (at least) four other mystery objects whizzing about this planet? According to the director of the "Moonwatch" team, this is a fact.

In all this confusion, it seems significant that the Russians have not made any claim to either this particular mystery object, or to any others. Even when the Defense Department was claiming that the mystery satellite was the Russian Lunik III, or a moon probe that went awry and thus was not announced, the Russians made no effort to make propaganda capital of the mystery satellites.

Whatever the nationality of the mysterious orbiting objects, by what stretch of "security" can their presence, which is easily detectable by even inexperienced "moonwatch" teams, be kept secret from the American Public? There has been entirely too much of the Air Force Manual type of opinion of the man-in-the-street which paints him as being "foolish," and worse, has no right to know! By the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, he DOES have the right to know.

It seems to be a fact, admitted by the Defense Department, that it actually believes this mystery object to be their own lost Discoverer V capsule (to infer otherwise is to infer that the Department is deliberately misinforming the public), and since this cannot be true, it is a vital matter to the citizens of this country to know that they are not being served by the agencies of defense as we have a right to expect they shall serve us! If the Defense Department is unaware of the other mystery satellites aloft, then it is even more incompetent. Do Ameri-

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RUSSIAN HEROES or SACRIFICIAL VICTIMS?

On December 13, 1959, tucked away in a small corner of some newspapers, but largely reproduced on discarded teletype sheets, it was announced that beginning at the end of 1957 and beginning of 1958, and during January and February of 1959, four separate attempts were made to place a human being in orbit aboard a rocket-borne satellite.

As could be expected these four attempts were made by Russians!

First to volunteer for the "sacrifice" to science and glory was Alexei Ledowsky, who, given months of training, finally got his chance after the successful launching of Sputnik II. The same giant rocket type, with its sensational "thrust" power which made American rocket men green with jealousy, fired him to a height of 300 kilometers. His flight was followed by instrument to that point, and suddenly "transmission was interrupted." Nothing more was ever heard from Alexei Ledowsky. He had been the first man into space; all he got for his sacrifice was a brief death notice, and no glory at all.

Next into the void was Serenty Schiborin, who went aloft in February of 1958. His fate was exactly the same as his predecessor; he disappeared from the ken of man.

Perhaps it was inexperience that caused the two failures? When one considers that the next to try was a leading Soviet test pilot, Andreij Mitkow, it is rather ironic to know that he lived (if he survived the initial blast-off at all) for a mere twenty minutes, when the rocket blew up with a terrific stratospheric explosion.

There seemed to be only one more alternative—send up a woman! And thus, Mirija Gromov took her place among the "heroes." This time not in a rocket, but in a "space aircraft" somewhat similar to the United States X-13. All we are told of this attempt is that it "failed tragically."

The first announcement of the sad death of these four Russians came from the Italian News Agency Continentale, whose source was said to be Prague, and "most reliable."

The latest report has it that Russia is now working on a space ship capable of carrying more than one person. Will we soon have heroes by the rocket-load?

A persistent rumor continues to float around that an American is a member of this "company of the damned," and that his mortal remains orbit this mad globe of ours a triumphant "fifth" human being to achieve fame and glory, and we trust, immortality.

DID ITALIAN ARMY CAPTURE SAUCER PEOPLE?

On the morning of November 10, 1959, Canadian radio station CKCY announced that on November 9, about 70 miles north of Rome, Italy, six saucer people were captured by sol-

diers who discovered their saucer parked near an army camp. The time of the capture was given as 9:00 P.M. Confirmation from other CKCY listeners would be appreciated.



I rather doubt if this will be published at all—for lately Ray Palmer has again been recklessly tossing editorial challenges at the Three Men In Black, who Albert K. Bender said frightened and swore him into silence back in 1953.

Of course, if the Three Men are smart, they will avoid silencing Ray Palmer as long as humanly possible; for to interfere with him just after he has come up with a major new outlook on the saucer mystery would be, in effect, to confirm that theory.

If the holes-at-the poles explanation is WRONG, however, the notorious trio might decide to silence him just to throw people off the track. If Ray Palmer really has something (and his arguments so far have been pretty convincing), this writer believes the Amherst saucerer will get through the winter without any terrifying visitors. At least, let's all hope so!

As this was written (late November, '59) we could be absolutely certain of only one thing in reference to saucers: RAP'S contention that a race of spacepilots came from "beyond the poles" would stir up a hornet's nest of opposition and

few sensible contradictions. People like Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe would still point a fearful finger toward space; believers in Buck Nelson, Adamski and Howard Menger would still contend that these "contactees" had actually met and talked with beings from other planets and had ridden with them to the Moon and maybe beyond. Donald Menzel would insist, even more loudly and vehemently, that the saucers are temperature inversions and various illusions. It is hard to give up a belief once you have stated it publicly.

As to the writer's belief, he had never really decided on any one theory, but could state with some assurance that the discs, whatever they were and wherever they came from, were still very much with us. For sightings, many of them very "good" ones, still flowed onto his desk.

Upside-Down Balloon

Some of the "best" sightings, those involving close encounters with saucers, again came from New Zealand, where the December FS reported dramatic UFO appearances.

Two Invercargill (a town near Wellington, N. Z.) business men were

frightened and awed by a big flying object which they spotted while driving home. The thing first appeared as a bright light above some pine trees bordering the main highway between Woodlands and Kennington. Attracted to the light, which moved slowly away from them, they soon observed its peculiar shape as they overtook it.

It appeared to be rectangular, with a huge balloon-shaped section hanging **BELOW** it. One of the men estimated the rectangular part to be at least 40 ft. long, and the "balloon" to be "as big as a room." Knowing that sensible balloons usually carry a section for instruments or pilots, suspended below, the men immediately sensed that something was wrong!

"My friend told me to step on the gas so we could get closer to it," the spokesman for the pair, who wished to remain anonymous, told the **Wellington Evening Post**, "but I thought it was going to come down right on top of us, or in the meadow alongside the road. So I didn't speed up the car. After all, it could have exploded, or done most anything imaginable, considering its unusual appearance."

But the car gained steadily on the object, and as they drew to within a few hundred feet of the thing, it suddenly took off in a burst of speed. As it departed it glowed brilliantly white, and changed its configuration to the shape of a sausage.

"I've never believed in these flying saucer reports, but now I just don't know what to think," one of the men said. "The two of us saw it absolutely clearly and we were close to it. We couldn't hear any noise, but no balloon could have moved as quickly as it did."

Five other Invercargill people, also driving the same night along the same highway, reported seeing a

bright light in the sky.

Shortly after the "inverted balloon" sighting appeared in the paper, two brothers from Marton (another town near Wellington), Walter and Brian Hawkins, reported that a strange, unidentified flying object, "like a large street light," followed them nearly 60 miles as they drove from Marton to Matamata early in the morning.

They first believed it was a house light, until they approached it and could see sky between the object and the horizon. As they left the locality the light began following them. On several occasions the elder brother stopped the car and turned off the motor, but they could hear no sound coming from the object. Reaching the top of a hill, at Mangaweka, they again stopped, feeling they could observe the thing better from that greater altitude. The light then moved around in a valley below them "like a helicopter."

Then feeling even more uncomfortable because of their strange pursuer, they decided to get home as soon as they could; but the object again took up the chase, never flying alongside the car, but constantly moving about. Meeting another auto, they signaled it to stop, and its five occupants, who had spotted the object as they approached, got out and watched it with the two brothers. At the coming of daylight the lighted object suddenly went straight upward and disappeared from sight.

Later, in October, police headquarters and newspaper office switchboards in Melbourne, Australia, were deluged with telephone calls as hundreds of people reported seeing a huge cigar-shaped contraption about 100 ft. long with glowing port-holes in its side.

The object, which appeared short-

ly after twilight and gave off a glow varying in color from red to green, was "explained" by the weather bureau as "an unusual thundercloud formation," which they said appeared "every few years." From their explanation it was evident that records of the bureau, part of whose business was to observe the sky, included earlier appearances of the same mysterious phenomenon.

Holes in Holland

It probably had nothing to do with saucers—unless one of these from the earth's interior was in such a hurry to return to home base that it didn't bother to make a North or South Pole entrance—but in Holland, the Dutch government threw up barricades around the mysterious holes which appeared enigmatically in two meadows near the village of Wormer.

The mystery began when residents said they heard "a deafening whistling noise," and others declared they saw a bright red light flashing across the sky. The next morning a farmer found a strange, star-shaped hole, about 17 inches across, in his meadow, and called police. Baffled, the police called government officials and soon hundreds of investigators and experts arrived to investigate the riddle.

Bomb disposal men from the Dutch Army put a long metal pipe down the hole to measure its depth. But the pipe went down, down, down, without reaching bottom. So they added more lengths of pipe, but at 100 ft. had still not found bottom. Experts said the thing which made the hole, whatever it was, had gone through a layer of sand and clay, and that they probably would never get down to it.

* As they shook their heads around the hole, another farmer arrived and told them he had a similar hole

in his meadow. It had appeared in July, and he had filled it in to prevent his cattle from falling into it.

The government then seized both fields, declared them out of bounds, put up barbed wire and assigned guards to the areas. Various theories were advanced by villagers. Hole No. 2 had appeared on September 17, just four nights after the Russian Lunik had hit the moon, and some people tried to connect the two events. Others, more skeptical, suggested it was all the work of a practical joker (though hardly likely in view of the government's continued interest in the holes).

Ufo Returns Signal

In Brazil a UFO signaled back to a tower controller at Pampulba airport according to a report which never reached newspapers and was dug up by Norbert Gariety and published in his monthly saucerzine, S.P.A.C.E. (267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Fla.).

Sighting a light hovering over the city, the controller first thought it might be a balloon, telephoned the Meteorological Institute which advised him none had been sent up. Just then the commander of a Brazilian Air Force B-26 radioed for permission to land, and the controller asked him to look for the light, instructing him how to turn so it would be in view. The pilot maneuvered as instructed, then quickly brought the plane down and confirmed the sighting after landing.

The controller was disappointed because the pilot did not pursue the UFO. He aimed a signal pistol in the direction of the light, giving intermittent signals in green, yellow and red. At that moment the UFO also changed color, from intense white to amber, then to an intense green, and finally back to the original white. Then it darted upward and

disappeared.

Now even more interested in the light, he telephoned the pilot who was then in the canteen, criticized him for avoiding a closer investigation. The officer replied that he didn't want to get any closer to the UFO; instead he was glad to get AWAY from it, because it had followed his plane for almost an hour before he reached the airport.

Later he asked the controller for permission to take off without any lights on the bomber, in order to avoid possible further pursuit by the strange light.

Saucer Kills House Lights

About once a month South American saucer researcher Bernardo N. Passion, of Argentina, sends us several pages of UFO activity reported by the press and dug up by his own investigation. Like most sightings, many of them are routine, involving moving lights which change color and shape, disc-shaped things seen from long distances, and so on. To publish all of them would be superfluous and probably uninteresting. However each batch of reports contains a few dramatic sightings which deserve more than mere filing away. This month, for example:

Over Salta last June, residents were first troubled by a mysterious glowing sphere seen traversing the sky from north to south, then even more alarmed by the consequences. Every house light in the area instantaneously went out, reminiscent of many sightings which have involved the stopping of automobile engines. The blackout lasted only a few minutes, however, after which the power came back on.

Reporter Passion did not state whether an official investigation had been made or what the power company had to say about it.

In September at Tres Arroyos five

people traveling in a car viewed two luminous objects, seemingly sphere-shaped and looking as if they were "suspended in the sky," to quote the witnesses. One of the viewers, a Senor Alargo, reported that the strange aircraft suddenly moved horizontally and that one of them landed a great distance from the party, then took off and disappeared.

In October at Salta a reporter of a local paper, **El Tribune**, became puzzled by a powerful ray of light coming through clouds which covered the sky, and called it to the attention of passersby.

In the general opinion of the group which observed the light, it was a ray from the moon, penetrating the clouds—though its brightness seemed to negate that possibility. Then a section of sky cleared, revealing a cone-shaped object hovering in a stationary position. Then the thing moved and went out of sight.

Wheel in the Sky

Nor was UFO activity restricted to other countries. In the U. S., as everywhere else, saucers were still puzzling people, though the domestic ones turned up very weird-looking, indeed.

As H. G. Samples, of Alamo, Ga., was doing some work on an apartment house, he heard a queer sound coming from above, and as he glanced upward a bright flash caught his eye.

"I saw a big round wheel, the brightest thing I have ever seen," he reported. "It seemed to be tapered very thin at the edges, and thick in the middle."

We wonder if the odd sound he reported was similar to the saucer "hearing" we reported in the last issue—the utter, paralyzing noise Robert Ward, of Weston, W. Va.,

heard over his house back in July.

Like Ward, the Georgia witness remarked that "I have never heard such a sound from any motor. It was as if a thousand bumblebees were making a noise all at one time."

The object changed position as it flew at an estimated speed of 30 miles per hour. "It would fly flat (presumably presenting only its edge to the observer—G.B.) and I could not see it; then it would fly upright and I could see it. When it flew upright, the brightness was so strong it almost blinded me."

It changed from "flat" to upright three times before it disappeared to the south. After watching a short time, Samples called to some people living in the house, and they came out and witnessed the same thing. Observing it together, they estimated it was about 30 ft. in diameter and about half a mile from the house. They watched it until it disappeared as a speck in the distance.

Samples added that his wife had seen a similar round object going north about one month before, and that she had also reported the same bee-like sound.

In Cattlettsburg, Ky., Mrs. Avery Bentley, 59-year-old practical nurse, recalled a statement by her mother, after she witnessed a strange sky object in the bright moonlit sky:

"Things go on in the sky that people are not aware of," her mother had often told her.

Mrs. Bentley had got up from bed about 1:00 A.M. with an upset stomach, was sitting in the kitchen, taking an alkalizer. As she looked out the window she became attracted to an over-size star which began to move. As she watched in amazement, it turned variously red, blue and green, then took on shapes of

a swastika and a four-leaf clover with glowing streamers from the leaves.

She roused her husband and he also witnessed the object, by that time moving slowly toward the west. One of her first impressions had been that two airplanes were involved in a fueling operation, but she discounted that possibility because of the slow movement and the long period of observation.

U. S. Saucer Again

Maybe the U. S. wanted some more publicity about its long-talked-about flying saucer to steal some thunder from the Soviets, or maybe the picture leaked out accidentally—but anyhow Jack Judges, of the Canadian Broadcasting System, gave the world its first actual photograph of the sometimes hush-hush, sometimes widely-blurped circular flying machine being developed for the Department of Defense by A. V. Roe Ltd.

Although the craft was cloaked in tight security, according to Sir Roy Dobson, chairman of the board of the Canadian aircraft firm, flier Judges found it easy to fly over an enclosure at Malton and get pictures of the saucer, sitting on the ground. The photographs showed an object which appeared to be a spitting image of the classical disc-shaped saucer, complete with a dome in the center, which presumably houses the pilot. A cable is seen running to the saucer from a building and another from a truck-shaped affair, probably a portable generator.

In early April, 1959, the Defense Department had released the biggest blurb on its saucer, suspiciously close to the April 19th announced date for the public testing of Otis T. Carr's home-made saucer at Oklahoma City (See our column in

the October, '59, FS). The new announcement, presumably forced out of the U.S. Government and the A. V. Roe official by the appearance of the picture in the press, seemed to be only one in a series of contradictory mentions of the terrestrial saucer.

To get a better understanding of the situation (or probably even more confused than ever) it is helpful to go back a few years and review the history of the project.

The A. V. Roe Canadian saucer had been in the press off and on since February, 1953, when a *Toronto Star* reporter broke the story. He said that a wooden mock-up model of a flying saucer had been completed and that research had been going on for quite a while. In fact a Government scientist had informed him that only two years would be needed to put a working model in the air.

Almost two years went by with no further mention of the saucer. Then C. D. Howe, minister of defense production, visited England and announced that the Canadian saucer project had been abandoned after 34 million pounds (around a hundred million dollars) had been spent on it. He said the saucer was already beyond the drawing board stage, but that it had been nixed because the machine was "not suitable to our purpose," in Howe's words.

The next day, however, he contradicted himself, obviously after pressure from some quarter, explained he should have said that the cost of the project would be 34 million pounds when the work was completed, and that only about one and one-half million pounds had actually been spent. The same day, officials of the Defense Production Department announced that "not a

nickel" of federal funds had been spent on the project, and that the development had been financed entirely by A. V. Roe at Malton. Then still another announcement from the department informed the press that about \$10,000 had been spent, but by another department of the Canadian Government.

A week later Patrick Nicholson, *Ottawa Northern News* correspondent, published an article telling the puzzled public that the work on "Project Y," as the saucer was called, was continuing, regardless of the statements made by Howe in England.

Yet he came up with still another contradictory statement: the expense of the project had been met jointly by A. V. Roe and the Canadian government on a 50-50 basis. Still later in December, Howe made another statement to the effect that the project had been abandoned because aeronautical experts doubted whether the machine would work. This time the cost of the project was given at around 75 million dollars.

Though no doubt the machine's radical design called for a maximum of security, intrusion of politics made everything doubly confusing. And as the curtain was drawn on the Canadian saucer, it was generally assumed that the Conservative party, which came into power about that time, had shelved the project which had been started while the Liberals were in office.

U. S. Takes Over

U. S. Air Secretary Donald A. Quarles introduced Act Two of "Project Y," which by 1954 had become a U.S.A.F. project. And the Second Act was just as confusing as the first.

His announcement came with the publication of "Project Blue Book

Report No. 14," which said that practically all saucers were the bunk and presented elaborate charts and graphs to "prove" that conclusion. Apparently to dramatize the issuance of the Report, he revealed that the U. S. had taken over the saucer being developed by A. V. Roe, and that it was a vertical-rising machine powered by jets.

Along with the news he made a statement which many saucerers interpreted as the beginning of a cover-up for future sightings:

"We are now entering a period of aviation technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear."

He added that the Canadian saucer would be a disk-shaped aircraft, "somewhat similiar to the popular conception of a flying saucer."

Then, no further announcements until 1959, when the Defense Department blubed more news about the saucer, "still under development," after so many years. John B. Macauley, assistant secretary of the Department, told a House subcommittee on science and astronautics that "I've never seen anything like it in all the years I've spent in aviation—and that's most of my life."

However, this time the Department intimated that the machine did not employ jets; instead propellers pushed air down through openings in the saucer to give it lift, not unlike the British "Hovercraft," which was test flown shortly before—but the "Hovercraft" could fly only a few feet off the ground, on a cushion of air furnished by propellers.

In the October statements, just after the pilot had taken the pictures, Pentagon officials said the

"Avrocar," as the Canadian saucer was now dubbed, had flown successfully in restricted tests, presumably tethered to a long cable, and that soon the machine would be tested in free flight.

But the method of propulsion was again altered, this time the Pentagon authorities stating that the Avrocar utilizes a revolutionary new principle invented by the Canadians, though they could not reveal the secret. They did add, however, that the principal was applicable to craft of various sizes.

People who live at Malton and who have heard the noise made by the craft say it is a peculiar sound, of far higher pitch than that made by propeller-driven aircraft or jets.

Meanwhile the Air Force stuck to its familiar tune. In a release to **CAP TIMES**, official publication of the Civil Air Patrol, the AF said that "After 12 years of sifting thousands of reports of 'flying saucers' the Air Force has turned up no evidence that these outlandish machines exist anywhere but in the eye of the beholder."

Sightings had been declining during past few years. The total number reported to the AF in the first six months of 1959 was only half the number reported in the same period of 1958. Of the 143 sightings reported in the first half of 1959, only three, or 2.09 per cent, were carried as genuine unknowns. The rest "turned out to be balloons, aircraft, astronomical phenomena, birds, searchlights and hoaxes."

But still the AF zealously investigated sightings, although its role in handling such matters could be boiled down to a three-point interest:

"(1) To guard against possible threat to security of the U.S. (2) To determine the technical or

scientific characteristics of any such UFO. (3) To explain or identify all UFO sightings."

Weapons Of the Cold War

The latest statements about the U.S.-Canadian saucer were quite important to saucer enthusiasts who were convinced that the disks had been around much longer than any inventions by known Earth governments. The Pentagon announcement would further convince the man on the street, who easily forgets and don't read the papers very carefully anyway, that with the addition of the A.V. Roe development, all saucers could now be explained away as quite ordinary.

We personally feel that the Space People, or the Inner Earth People—or maybe both, possibly with a few dero and earthians thrown in, are just waiting for such a situation to come about: a time when U. S. saucers become so common we won't even notice the Other Ones any more. Then they can slip in and carry out their Evil plans, whatever they may be. Of course some saucers argue that the disk people intend only good toward us, but I personally fear they may have some terrifying plan in mind, for example converting us.

Anyhow, the Avrocar business would give more fire to the contentions of certain researchers that all saucers were U. S. or foreign weapons, including Dr. Leon C. Davidson, a contributor to FS, and who in November announced that he had finished a book-length manuscript, titled "FLYING SAUCERS: WEAPONS OF THE COLD WAR."

The manuscript would be circulated among saucer publications and researchers prior possible publication, Dr. Davidson announced. An outline reaching the writer indi-

cated that it would attempt to prove that saucer-shaped craft have long been flown by the U. S. and that they have been used as a weapon in the cold war, their role having been to frighten and confuse the Communist part of the world.

To us the further news on the U. S. saucer could mean one thing: that while governments, at least our own, have been zealously investigating, chasing and debunking the "real" saucers, they have also been even more zealously copying them. If, as some claim, the U. S. and other governments have captured "hardware from outer space," is it not logical that they have also been copying their means of propulsion?

If, indeed, the U. S., or anyone else, has been trying to duplicate saucers, either captured ones, or ones which have been merely seen, such development projects would indeed be secret ones—probably just as secret as our early work on the atomic bomb. Such secrecy would necessarily extend to sightings themselves, and could be responsible for much of the Air Force attitude over the past years.

It is known that scientists have long recognized the possibility that gravity is a thing which can be controlled if only the proper means of doing so can be developed. Maj. Keyhoe and science writers have stated that projects to find such answers are being sponsored by the Government. Can the Avro saucer possibly be the hush-hush finished project developed from such research? Let us indeed hope so.

It would be a development far in advance of the Russian Sputniks and Luniks. It would more quickly change the face of the Earth.

Let us also hope the Soviets aren't ahead of us on this one tool

UFOs - FROM THE CRITIC'S CORNER

No. 2 Challenge To A Dero

By Peter Kor

In line with FLYING SAUCERS' policy to present ALL of the evidence, and BOTH sides of the argument, we have secured the opinions of a true unbeliever. Mr. Kor, we are sure, does a fine job of presenting the reverse side of the coin, and if we cannot meet his challenge, then we shall have to revise our thinking. When we say we, it is in reference to what Mr. Kor calls the UFO investigator. That means all of you, as well as FLYING SAUCERS. But not particularly FLYING SAUCERS, because we believe that our viewpoints have not "sinned" as badly as Mr. Kor claims. In our turn, we will respond to Mr. Kor with articles of our own, to prove that our "scientific method" has been valid. We have never, for instance, gone for the interplanetary theory, nor have we lumped all factors into one comprehensive "mystery". Flying saucers, in the literal comprehension of the word, means just what it says—some sort of flying machine shaped like a saucer in general aspect, which is unidentified as yet. To call fireballs, lights, ice falls, poltergeists, sonic booms, etc etc etc flying saucers has never been our policy. Yet, FLYING SAUCERS covers a host of mysterious things, and merely that fact does not postulate they are all part of a single "mystery". If a "sonic boom" that occurs when no jets are present is caused by a flying saucer, we want to find proof that this is so. But first, we must complete our factual case for the flying saucer itself. With Mr. Kor's valuable opposite viewpoints, we expect to find it difficult to go astray with wishful thinking! If there are any of our readers who wish to join in, with scientific methodology, to prove to Mr. Kor the existence of flying saucers, which he says is one part a mystical mystery, they are heartily invited to participate.

The first article in this series (Dec. 1959) created quite a stir. It seems that an overwhelming percentage of readers thought it was incredible that I do not believe in flying saucers. Some went on to say that, in view of my "ridiculous stand," I must be a paid agent of the "silence group." One fellow even claimed that Peter Kor is a pen name for Ray Palmer, who is trying to create reader interest by publishing contrary views in **Flying Saucers**.

Let me answer all of these accusations now. To all of you who are seeking some ulterior motive for my

stand on the flying saucer question, please hear the facts: I do not deal in beliefs as you do: You believe in flying saucers. I say you have no factual basis for your belief. I say to believe in flying saucers is one thing, but to be justified in your belief is another. Some of you accuse me of being an agent for some sort of "silence group," whatever that might be. Why? Is your thinking so stereotyped that you categorically classify all of those who disagree with you, as enemies? Are you so afraid that someone or some fact will demolish your cherished dreams, that you construct a wall

around your mind that warns: "Thou shalt not trespass on my beliefs or else I shall accuse you of conspiracy?"

Just to keep the record straight, I am bound to state that Ray Palmer is **not** Peter Kor! Readers of this magazine have asked me to defend my accusation that the flying saucers do not exist. My answer is that I will not attempt to defend that for which no defense is necessary: Facts are my position—let them speak for themselves. Most of you deal in theories and speculations—let these be recognized for what they are.

Before delving into the Shaver Mystery, I would like to define some terms that will be used at great length. First, a theory "is a general principle offered to explain observed facts," and is the basis of the scientific method. Certain events or facts are witnessed and a principle is created to account for the occurrences. The principle is then tested by a series of calculated predictions. The scientist assumes that his theory is correct and he proceeds to calculate the theoretical consequences of his theory. If specially designed experiments yield results which coincide (within the experimental error) with the theoretical results, the theory is said to be verified. However, **verified theories are not facts**: A fact "is an actual event," but the verified theory is merely one general principle that has been proven to explain certain observed events. Conceivably, several other principles could also survive the same test of experimental prediction, and thereby satisfy the same set of facts. Does this bother the scientist? No, for as long as any verified theory enables him to predict the future behavior of his subject, he is satisfied. Time is the ultimate judge. Either an "actual

event" will prove that the theory is a reality, or the scientists' predictions will at some time fail, and the verified theory will be re-evaluated in the light of newly observed facts. The result of the latter case will be a new theory, a new attempt to verify it, and another eventual breakdown of the theory. And so the cycle goes—it is called science.

Ufo researchers present many so-called solutions to a mystery that does not exist. These "solutions" are in the form of un-verified theories. I challenge anyone to subject his theory to a test of verification. I submit that any such attempt will result in the undeniable result that the theory is wrong: Do any of you dare to accept my challenge? Are any of you objective enough to scientifically predict according to your theory? Are any of you honest enough to interpret the results of such an experiment accurately? Will you admit the inadequacy of your theory if it is proven wrong? The decision is yours. Either you cling hopefully to an idea that intrigues you, or you make some positive attempt to discover reality. The scientific method never assures you of finding what is real, but it does assure you of knowing what is not real.

There will be those of you who will claim that your "solution" to the saucer mystery is not a theory at all, but an undeniable reality. Anticipating this, let me point out that a reality "is that which exists independent of ideas concerning it," and demands a demonstration of such: In other words, if you have discovered something real, you have also discovered the means of showing anybody that it is real. I contend that no one will dare come forth with a demonstration of the reality of flying saucers because no one has discovered anything real:

A theory introduced by Richard S. Shaver, and supported by Ray Palmer, is quite interesting. I say interesting because it was **not** offered as an explanation of flying saucers, but s publicized before the deluge of object-sightings. It was offered as science-fiction and must be considered science fiction until an honest effort is made to verify it. The story tells of an abandoned race that has been existing in great caves in the earth for thousands of years. These people are the remnant of an ancient "elder race" that once produced fantastic technological achievements. The "elder race" was evacuated from the earth in space ships during a time of total disaster. The cave dwellers eventually separated into two factions—the degenerates (Dero) and the integratives (Tero). The Dero is responsible for all of the evil in the world from war to broken legs. They accomplish these feats of "mischief" by the use of huge machines that can project three-dimensional pictures, read minds, stimulate pleasure and manipulate physical objects at great distances. The Dero plot is to eventually rise from his home in the earth to rule the surface, as his ancestors did at one time in the dim past. Meanwhile, the Tero wish for peaceful coexistence and foil the evils of the Dero whenever possible. In short, we who live on the surface are in the middle of a vast underground struggle of good versus evil. The flying saucers are the vehicles left behind by the "elder race" in the great cavern and are piloted by both Dero and Tero. Shaver also states that some of the reported ufos are space ships from other planets, the pilots of which are engaged in looting the caves of the treasures that exist there. This is the story—now here are the facts:

To begin with, whether they are

claimed to originate from other worlds or the center of the earth, there is no factual basis to the idea that physical realities in the form of flying ships are visiting the earth. To say that the Shaver Mystery explains the flying saucer mystery is to attempt to solve one myth by the use of another. Two myths do not make one reality: It has been said that Richard Shaver predicted disk-shaped vehicles before the saucers appeared. This is true only if one assumes that such flying saucers exist at all. I deny that there are facts which prove the existence of these vehicles. How, then, can I admit that Shaver successfully predicted their appearance? While Shaver was engaged in writing science fiction, he could have been documenting the experiences he has claimed. If Shaver has been to the caves; if he has conversed with the inhabitants; if the Dero have afflicted him in any way, he surely must be able to demonstrate the reality of the situation. I challenge him to do so—to take me, or any party, to the caves; to predict beforehand how the Dero might deal with me after I know of their reality. Will you accept my challenge Mr. Shaver?

Ray Palmer was editor of **Amazing Stories** when the first Shaver manuscript crossed his desk. A couple of years and 50,000 letters later, Palmer began claiming that the Shaver Mystery was real, and not the result of an incredible imagination. He had evidence that proved the Shaver Mystery. To prove, "is to test by experiment or to establish by argument or evidence." **A proof is not a fact:** So when Ray Palmer offers us proof of the Shaver Mystery, he is offering us a theory that he claims is supported by evidence. A theory that requires verification to become useful and "an actual event"

to become fact. Let no one claim that the Shaver Mystery is a reality—if it was, it could be demonstrated. Eventually, time will provide such a demonstration or the mystery will be proven a fraud. Richard Shaver and Ray Palmer have attempted to substantiate a theory with particular facts. Here are some examples of the facts Palmer and Shaver are trying to explain:

(1) Millions of Americans "hear voices." Doctors call this a form of insanity but Shaver and Palmer say that these hexed people are being strongly influenced by the Dero and his telaugray machine.

(2) Many persons "see things" that other people do not see. This is explained by the huge "projection machines" that exist in the caverns.

(3) The many myths about mischievous dwarfs and devils from the hell in the earth are offered as further proofs.

(4) Palmer sends a man into a cave and he never comes back. Palmer contends that he was kidnapped by Dero and might have been sold at the "meat market." There are other similar evidences, but one thing is apparent: the Shaver Mystery is not a fact—it is a sensational theory that is in need of verification before it can be seriously considered. Anyone who claims that it is a fact must demonstrate this, or admit he is a liar. If Shaver and Palmer will consent to an open test, if they will accept my challenge, perhaps then we can determine the stature of the Shaver Theory.

The Shaver Theory presents two very obvious contradictions. First of all, it is said that the Dero have been conspiring against the surface people for thousands of years, and eventually hope to conquer and rule us. At the same time, the Dero is presented as an entity not unlike a

god, in that he can accomplish everything from shooting down an Atlas rocket to tripping your Aunt Emma. These "deeds" are all done by manipulating fabulous machines left to the Dero by the fleeing "elder race." Shaver and Palmer interpret most common events in terms of the Dero and his machines. If this article were to arrive in Amherst with 100 mistakes in it, the Dero will be accused instead of my rather poor typing. If I should fall from a ladder soon after the publication of this article, the blame will be put upon some "theoretical elf" instead of my clumsiness. The contradiction is this: if the Dero is capable of such incredible deeds as these, why has it taken him thousands of years to subdue the surface people? Why aren't we all ruled by Dero today?

But the Dero concept has been accepted by many without serious question. Why? Because the Dero relieves men of their responsibility for the wrongs they do: If you lie or steal, you can accuse the influence of the Dero through the use of the telaug-beam. If you kill, it was because of that "small voice in the back of your mind." If you are an evil person, it is because a degenerate devil has been conspiring against you. Dick Shaver and Ray Palmer have given you an excuse for doing wrong and for poor achievement. Do any of you dare to take the chance of demolishing that excuse?

The other obvious contradiction has many illustrations. The theory states that a vast network of caves exists that was fashioned by intelligent hands. Yet, not one actual event is on record of persons visiting these caves, telling the world of their discovery and of forming an expedition to re-visit the caves. Thousands of Dero and Tero inhabit these caves, the story goes. Yet, not

one actual report by reliable people of small creatures emerging from a cave opening on the way to scout our civilization, or of these dwarfs returning to their underground den. Huge flying machines rise from the depths of the earth, traverse thousands of miles over the surface, and return. Yet, no one reports the launching place of these "saucers" or trails one to its lair. Apparently these vehicles are as invisible as they are numerous. Thousands of humans are "kidnapped" each year and sold in the Dero meat markets, yet no one has caught one of the dwarfs in the act; no one has foiled their attempt and discovered the hiding place of the Dero. The incredible contradiction is this: the Shaver Theory postulates a vast underground existence of thousands of "little people" who are very involved in the everyday life of humans on the surface, and yet this intimate involvement has not produced the reality of the situation.

Shaver and Palmer offer us an answer to this contradiction. "It is traditional," they say, "for the Dero to maintain the secrecy of his existence." Now a tradition is "a custom handed down from generation to generation." But how "custom" enables the Dero to hide his tremendously complex undertakings, is not explained. It appears that the Dero is as infallible as he is mysterious. He is presented as a magician who is forever beyond any test we may want to use in an attempt to establish his reality. He is capable of everything except of revealing his own reality. But apparently he is not without pride. So I will conclude this article by appealing to the pride of the Dero. I challenge him to reveal his identity to me—to meet me face to face. I dare him to make me "hear voices" or to drive me crazy with projected apparitions.

Do you have the nerve? You see, I know that you do not exist. I know that you are the creation of the evil in men's minds and that you can only exist in the minds of those who give you sanction.

Ray Palmer would say that by challenging the Dero I have assured myself of never seeing one, because to appear to me now, would mean revealing his identity which he is forbidden to do. But I say if I do not see a Dero it is because the Dero is a myth, a figment of someone's imagination. But my challenge still stands as an experimental test of the reality of the Shaver Mystery. The die is cast and time, now, will be the judge.

Next I will examine the "new age" brought about by the coming of the "space people"—the interplanetary hoax. We will also look into the question of "saucers" from the earths' poles. The facts will be listed; let them fall where they may.

Editor's Answer

1.—The Shaver Mystery was NOT presented as science-fiction. It was first presented as "racial memory" and later as fact. Mr. Shaver at all times presented his manuscripts as absolute fact; your editor took those "facts" and wove them into "adventures" in which no "fact" was changed, merely USED in an entertaining way, so as to demonstrate how the fact was probably used. This was done in exactly the same way that scientists use in *National Geographic*, when they present both paintings and word stories to explain (using the actual facts of their research, such as the artifacts recovered from excavating a pre-history cave-man dwelling) how that cave-man probably lived, supported his family, fought, died. You can, at the Field Museum in Chicago, see reproductions of ancient extinct dinosaurs, complete with hide, color-

ing, fleshy appendages, etc, in spite of the fact that the only actual portion of the dinosaur is a few unrelated bones or teeth. Mr. Kor, apparently, would acknowledge this "proof" of the dinosaur without castigating its "reconstructors-in-theory".

2.—It has NEVER been stated that the dero are responsible for all of the evil in the world from war to broken legs.

3.—It has, also, never been stated that the dero plot eventually to rise from the caves to rule the surface. The dero is largely degenerate, mentally as well as physically, and incapable of any intelligent plan of operation, merely of momentary devilment, even though consistently as a regular practice.

4.—There IS a factual basis for physical realities (ie. flying saucers, so-called). Mr. Kor ignores the physical facts: observers of trained and reliable capabilities; radar; photography; etc. It would be well for Mr. Kor to study such evidence. We suggest that, although we do not firmly back Major Keyhoe in his theories, we admit that he has a good number of these factual physical evidences which Mr. Kor cannot reasonably deny, and that they constitute factual demonstration, and that these "demonstrations" can be duplicated and predicted, although not as to exact timing nor exact individual. We can safely say that Major Keyhoe will, within 1960, produce several incontestible physical realities which come under the heading of "flying saucers" or "ufo".

5.—Mr. Kor's challenge is based on "conditions" which make any acceptance difficult. Shaver must take him to a cave wherein he will find dero waiting to receive him. If this were possible, the Shaver "Mystery" would indeed be the Shaver FACT. It is BECAUSE Shaver cannot at will

perform such a feat that the whole thing is a "mystery". As for answering challenges, he HAS. Your editor knows of at least two FATAL results. Would Mr. Kor, faced with such a result, direct still more victims to their death (no matter that the deaths can reasonably be ascribed to simple accidents, such as going into a cave and not coming out, or being found dead in the river)? If you direct five people to a possible entrance to a cave inhabited by dero, and two of the people meet violent deaths, the percentage of "accident" is much too high to warrant further activities in this direction. Both your editor and Mr. Shaver, even if they could at this very moment direct Mr. Kor to a cave where he would meet a dero, would very positively refuse. Simply on the basis that we believe it would be manslaughter, if not second-degree murder. If we were certain there were dero there, it would actually be murder, although legalistically outside the bounds of the law, and therefore we could get away with it. Mr. Kor will snort at our "moral" attitude, but let him realize this is a true morality on our part, and a strictly personal matter he has no right to ask us to ignore.

When your editor sent Kenneth Arnold to Tacoma to investigate the famous "Tacoma Incident", the result was the death of two air-force men, and the death of three other men. No matter HOW they actually died, at least two of them would not have died as they did, had we not acted as we did. Our readers can believe, without error, that if the government could have PROVED our Tacoma activities to be a hoax, we would have been liable to prosecution for manslaughter, and also for damages! Mr. Kor asks us to be FOOLS and risk further occurrences of this nature. Whatever his reac-

tion, he cannot deny that our reason for not complying with his request is **FACTUAL REALITY**.

6.—Mr. Kor intimates that, lacking demonstration, the Shaver Mystery is fraud. How so? Even if wholly theory, its disproof does not convert theory into fraud.

7.—It is medically accepted by insurance companies that electric arc welding is an insurable hazard, because of the fact that it produces **paranoia** (hearing voices). This change in insurance policy came as a direct result of insurance company research into actual cases, **stimulated in part** by your editor's passing on of the evidence garnered during the process of presenting the Shaver Mystery. Your editor says: if you operate an electric arc welder, find yourself another job!

8.—Your editor does not contend that a man sent into a cave was kidnapped by dero and that he might have been sold at a "meat market".

9.—All of the statements in the paragraph beginning: "The Shaver Mystery present two very obvious contradictions," are untrue, except that the dero do accomplish their "deeds" by means of their "machines". The rest is assumption on Mr. Kor's part. As for his questions, we can answer them no better than he can, except insofar as we've already answered them hundreds of times in presenting the Mystery and until this date.

10.—It is true that the Mystery can be used to alibi your mistakes. This is exactly the way religion is used. "I was tempted, and therefore I did eat." Mr. Kor's argument here is specious. It applies to **ANYTHING** that can be used to shift responsibility. As a specific argument against the Shaver Mystery it can-

not be given more than equal credence. However, if Mr. Kor wishes **FACTS**, let him make a collection of the instances in which a killing, or multiple killings, have been the result of "a voice told me to do it." Not Satan, or dero, or imps, or God, but "a voice" (sometimes audible, and sometimes silently mental). What is Mr. Kor's "source" for these voices? If he says "the killer's **OWN** mental processes", may we grin coyly and ask him to **DEMONSTRATE** it upon **DEMAND**?

11.—Actual records of persons visiting caves. Must we bother to answer this one? Let Mr. Kor investigate for himself. Start with Floyd Collins (and his blue men). Actual reports of small creatures emerging from caves, dwarfs returning to their den. There are hundreds, thousands, more, but Mr. Kor would call them all lies. He wants the dwarf, not the report, as he requests. The reports exist in large number. We **CAN** produce them at will, but so can Mr. Kor. Let him do a little of the leg work!

12.—Huge "flying machines" (including emerging from the earth and the sea). More leg work, Mr. Kor. Hop to it. Easy to produce such reports, and witnessed by millions. Don't you read **FLYING SAUCERS**? We present lots of stuff like this!

13.—Come now, Mr. Kor, in the event we were able to demonstrate the dero to you, would you still wish your "dare" to remain in effect? Wouldn't you "wish you hadn't", if you actually began to hear voices and went crazy from hallucinations? Why not "dare" the lightning to strike you? It might, you know, but not likely. We humbly request the dero to foil any attempt on the part of a dero to take your dare!—**Rap.**

THE END

I SAW A FLYING SAUCER

This section of FLYING SAUCERS is devoted to factual reports by our readers. Here you will find the personal accounts of those who have actually seen flying saucers, and here, if you are one of those lucky ones, is the place for you to tell your own story! If you have had any sort of "saucer" experience, please send it in to us and we will print it.

Nov. 13, '59. This morning as I was waiting for my school bus at about 7:15, I noticed a large, cigar-shaped object just a little above the eastern horizon and over the Cascade mountains. The sun had not yet risen, but there was a reddish-orange glow where it would soon be. The object reflected much of this color, but appeared to have a metallic glint of its own. It was "hanging" motionless in the sky and made about a 45 degree angle with the horizon. I watched it for about ten minutes, but after boarding the bus could no longer see it because of the tall trees along the road. There were several other kids there, too, but I was in no mood to be ridiculed and so refrained from mentioning the saucer, and they didn't notice it of their own accord. As the bus approached the school, I glanced up at the sky, hoping to catch a last glimpse of the saucer, but was quite surprised to see a different one. I only saw it for a brief moment, but at first it seemed quite close and was very bright and silvery. It looked large, and then suddenly looked like a small, distant star. Then it was gone. It seemed to have ascended toward the east at about a 45 degree angle with the earth. Its shape was sort of roundish or disc-shaped.

This evening there was an item in our local paper about the sightings of UFO's by four different people at different times this morning. I spoke to one of the people, Mr. W. R. Gainer, and he said that the object slowly moved southward and later ascended higher up. It is commonly known that Venus does not move toward the south, but goes from east to west. The description of the one Mr. Gainer saw is about the same as the latter one described above, namely roundish and silvery and seemingly quite large.

Miss Diane Frechin,
Route 5, Box 838,
Bremerton, Washington

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On Friday, Nov. 1, 1957 I sighted a cigar-shaped space ship over the Sandia Mountains at Albuquerque, New Mexico. I lived on the edge of the West Mesa and the view, night or day, from my west windows was something I never tired of. I was an early riser and usually enjoyed sunrise over the Sandia Mountains with my first cup of coffee. Friday morning was fairly warm and so I opened the kitchen door to enjoy the view. A little above the Sandias was a strange object. After several moments, I realized that what was even stranger than the object was that it wasn't moving. I watched

spellbound for several minutes. My first thought of its description was that it was like a comet with a short tail the length of which did not vary in the slightest during my breathless vigil. It appeared to be almost on fire, pulsating and radiating white hot heat waves. After several minutes it began to move slowly upward. I shall never forget the blazing light it produced.

On July 31, 1958 APRO released a photograph taken on October 16, 1957 by a government employee of Holloman Air Development Center at Alamogordo, New Mexico. A 4000-foot cigar-shaped object hovered over Holloman for 15 minutes. APRO stated "experts have examined the negative . . . and are convinced of its authenticity." The photograph was published locally in Santa Monica Evening Outlook and The Los Angeles Examiner. Unquestionably it is the same object which I sighted on November 1.

Mrs. Leslie M. Elwell,
1341 The Promenade,
Santa Monica, Calif.

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I was coming home from night school one night in April 1957. It was a clear night and at that time I was living in Warrenton in the Watching Mountains. I happened to see a round ball of red light in the sky and watched it. As I drove into my driveway and got out I listened for the sound of a plane but heard nothing, and the red ball was moving faster than a plane would and it did not blink like the lights of a plane, also I would say it was about 3 or 4 times the size of a red light on a plane and there still was no sound as it moved across the sky, but when it came directly in front of me I had a loud buzzing in my ears and when it passed the buzzing stopped. As that one passed two

more followed a short distance behind and again as they passed in front of me the buzzing started again and then stopped.

Dorothy Sorger,
1848 Bradford St.,
Plainfield, N.J.

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Oct. 4, 1959 I was out raking our lawn, and in the southeast, I saw a blue white light; at first I thought it was a meteor, but it was clearly a disk, and it had a long white tail. It burned through the clouds where it went. It made no sound and crossed from horizon to horizon in about 10 seconds.

I've seen jet exhausts, searchlights, meteors, satellites, aurora and weather balloons, and this was totally different. It did not flicker or vibrate.

It was seen also by my two brothers, and people who came over to watch TV.

Tom McPartland,
Box 336,
Pacific Grove, Calif.

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Story No. 1. I have two uncles who make a living by catching minnows, crabs, etc., and then selling them for bait. In other words, they run a bait business and occasionally make trips out to their "ponds" where the crabs, etc. are kept.

One night, they said, while returning on route 104 from the ponds they saw a huge, blazing ball or disc flying on its side, the size being as big as the moon which was $\frac{3}{4}$ full.

The blazing orangeish object cut directly in front of their truck and then flew along close to the tree tops heading west and continued on until it became smaller and finally disappeared from their line of sight.

I might add that they stated their

feelings at the sight of this "object" and said it scared both of them quite a bit. This happened two and a half years ago, and according to both their descriptions of the event were alike. Both men are in their fifties and have no interest in Saucers.

Story 2. Somewhere in the vicinity of two or three years ago in the fall I had the pleasure, along with my mother of witnessing two F-80's chasing (or trying, rather) three squarish-like white objects which were in a "falling leaf" motion directly above our house at about 15 or 20 thousand feet. The jets, however did not seem to be able to turn with the "objects" as they flew very fast and then began spiraling up. The three "white" objects then formed a triangular formation, hovered for a minute and then streaked away, noiselessly, leaving the jets still circling. The tower at the airport was buzzing with calls from others who had also seen the action above. When I finally got thru to the tower, they flatly refused any information as to what the jet-interceptors were after, saying "I'm sorry I'm not permitted to say."

Bill Neva
60 Clarington St.
Rochester 9, N.Y.

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Now, I never used to be a believer in saucers until I actually saw, not one, but eleven of them on Oct. 23, 1959.

As usual, I stepped out to take my evening walk at 7:00.

I went to the end of the block to meet a friend who was also fond of taking walks.

I will not name who it was here, but as I was saying, we were walking for a considerable length of time, so we started to walk back.

It was 7:30 now; I looked often at my watch, just a habit, I guess.

All of a sudden my friend who had

been gazing into the sky, saw them, tapped me on the shoulder and informed me.

I looked into the sky and saw 11 oval-shaped, illuminated flying saucers.

They were in a "V" formation and were flying pretty high and pretty fast.

The street was pretty deserted and there was no one else there except us.

The saucers broke formation—were in single file for two minutes, then they disappeared.

They were in formation for three minutes.

The whole thing lasted for 15 minutes.

Daniel F. Cole
133-13th Avenue East,
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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It was around the year of 1924 give or take one year.

It was on our farm in Sask, Canada.

One summer afternoon I was bringing the milk cows home, on horse back.

The sun was shining in the west, the skies were as blue as could be.

All of a sudden I noticed over my head, going fast was a big round object, the color of the moon on a bright moonlight night.

It was dragging a tail about a block long, the same color.

It was flying about the height of our air liners.

It was bigger than our air liners at that height.

It only took a few seconds to make about fifteen miles.

I thought it was going to hit the ground.

It was going direct east.

T. W. Soper
16274 San Jaun
Detroit 21, Mich.

I have just received a copy of your July issue from my uncle. When I looked at the cover, I almost fell over, the saucer in the photograph was just like a saucer my buddy and I watched, it had the same flashing red light on the bottom!

It was during the November 1957 "flap" and we were watching it through a 30 power telescope. We watched it because it appeared as a bright star, and since none was in the area we wondered what it was. When we got it focused the red light made me think it was the mail helicopter that flies by every night but the 'copter flies in a straight line and the saucer was flying in a large counter clock-wise circle. It was in the southwest sky and traveling west at the same time it was circling because we had to move the scope east into my buddy's back yard to keep it in view.

It was just as the one in the pic-

ture on the cover was, flat with some sort of turret on top. Also when it turned it banked because we saw more of the top side where the turret was. It was lit up with a glow from five or six white lights on the turret. These lights were in a row along the top of the turret. The red flashing light was on the bottom as in the picture.

It must have been flying on an angle all the time, because when it was near to us the bottom and red light showed and when it was on the far side of the circle or lap the top and white lights showed.

We had it in view for a half hour or more. I didn't note the exact time. During the time we watched the saucer, it didn't make any noise nor did it leave a vapor trail. We watched it from about 8:00 to 8:35 p.m.

Philip Wizenick,
2348 W. Kenmore,
Chicago 14, Ill.

The **MYSTERY**

SATELLITE SNAFU

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cans have a right to know such facts? Of course they do! It is vital to our survival to **KNOW** that we have competent defenders. If we have incompetent defenders, keeping that knowledge from us is traitorous.

The whole business of flying saucers, mystery satellites, our position in the space age, demands that the citizens of this country insist that a full investigation be made by Congress, and that Congress make a full report to the people of their findings, and their recommendations as to what should be done about it.

Most fantastic of all is the February 24, 1960 Air Force order to its personnel to "treat sightings of unidentified flying objects as serious business directly related to the nation's defense." The order was issued by the Air Force inspector general. This, in the face of thirteen years of consistent denial by that same Air Force that there actually is such a thing as an unidentified flying object, specifically termed U.F.O., or "flying saucer."

It is time for the truth to be brought out in open congressional hearing!

THE END



Each issue, this section of **FLYING SAUCERS** will be devoted to news of the various discussion clubs and research groups all over the world, which are devoted to flying saucers and related subjects. If you are interested in joining such a group in your neighborhood, you may find news of it here. If you wish to notify others of your group, here is the place to let them know about it. If you wish to form a local group, let us publish your request. Send us your reports and news items, concerning club doings, and we will be happy to allot space in this section of **FLYING SAUCERS**.

The newly formed Junior Bureau of Flying Saucers wants new members. Teenagers interested in joining are asked to contact.

Ronald Brown, President of J.B.F.S. 2621 Arlington Ave., Birmingham 5, Alabama.

Teenagers in Hawaii interested in joining please contact.

H. B. Secretary
Miss C. Keneshiro
7436 Kaluanui Road
Honolulu 16, Hawaii

LONDON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

President: Roy Stemman, 9, Elizabeth Kenny Hse., Grange Grove, London, N. 1; **Director of Research:** G. N. P. Stephenson, 12, Dorset Rd., Cheam, Surrey; **Secretary & Treasurer:** Miss S. R. Stebbing, 26 Wal-mington Fold, London, N. 12.

LUFORO is a nonprofitmaking organization which was formed on

July 11th, 1959 for the purpose of unbiased scientific investigation of reports of unidentified flying objects and associated claims; collection of first-hand evidence of verifiable data; publicizing information in bulletins and by other means; and bringing about closer cooperation and understanding between U.F.O. Researchers.

Membership is free of charge, without obligations and is open to people throughout the world. If you would like to make use of our free Information Service, or use our reference library which we hope to form if we find a suitable room in London and gather sufficient literature or help us in our investigations and correspondence; or meet others interested in the subject of UFOs; we invite you to become a member by completing this form and returning it to the Secretary (address above).

The JUNIOR BUREAU OF FLYING SAUCERS is in the midst of a recruiting campaign. JBFS is a UFO organization formed for teenagers only. All persons 13 to 17 and possibly 12 and 18 who are interested in joining such an organization and who live in the midwest area address your correspondence to the Wisconsin representative:

THOMAS BURKE
3320 WEST PARNELL AVE.
MILWAUKEE 21, WISCONSIN
AT. 2-7952

Any other persons interested who do not live in the midwest contact the same address or contact the national president:

RONALD BROWN
2621 ARLINGTON AVE.
BIRMINGHAM 5, ALABAMA
FA 4-0764

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If you know the meaning of the above expression, contact address given in code for further information re membership in Q.U.I.E.T.

Would like to contact anyone in my area interested in Flying Saucers that would be interested in forming club. Please write, Mrs. Alice J. David, 1074 Pike St., Wabash, Ind., or phone 2307.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS
TO "The Society of Jexi-Saturii"
and "The International Sons Of
The Ram" previously received at
RDCO. BOX 331-New Philadelphia,
Ohio.

Please Direct future Mailings to
P.O. Box 236, Mansfield, Ohio.

It was impossible to process the volume of Mail with the Limited facilities at hand, so it was decided to move operations of both Groups to Mansfield, Ohio for better execution.

To those of you who are still

awaiting reply, I very humbly thank you and beg your indulgence, as the same will be forthcoming.

To those interested in the development of the "Jexi-S 360 Turborotor" please send suggestions by registered mail only, and retain copy and postal receipt. Do NOT send monetary contributions to the project in any form. Tools, materials, and apparatus donated should be packaged carefully. No more screwdrivers, pliers, or hacksaw blades, please. We reserve the right to barter and or otherwise exchange extra, or needed tools and materials for necessary ones. Used oscilloscope and Volt-Ohm-Millimeter needed.

The "book-lend" is also being moved; official notice will be given. Need copies of H.M.'s "Outer Space To You."

I've had over twenty years active experience in electronics and I would like to work in the field of instrument detection of UFO's. Also I would like to either form or at least become involved in a group consisting of experienced electronic technicians and engineers. It would be very helpful if they were licensed radio hams or at least have a ham friend that could put them on the air so we could form a radio net as a meeting place for our discussions. At present I am operating on telegraph on the 14 megacycle band. A better arrangement may be on 75 meter radio-telephone maintaining contact with members near Seattle possibly not much further than the border of this state of Washington. And for those who would care to write to me or better yet exchange tapes (the small 150 foot type is ideal) could do so from any part of the world. Though it's often not too difficult to contact the east coast from here on 14 mc. it is not always

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personals

If you have a personal message of any kind, we will print it here, entirely free of charge. To facilitate its insertion please follow these simple suggestions: 1) type, print, or write your message, just as you wish it to appear on a single sheet of paper, ending with your name and address; 2) do not include as a portion of a letter; 3) write on one side of the paper only; 4) mail it to PERSONALS, Flying Saucers, Amherst, Wisconsin. (Below are good examples of how to prepare your message.)

I will pay \$2.00 for the February, 1958 issue of *Flying Saucers*. It must be in good condition with no pages missing. Send postcard. Bruce Lewis, 226 West 40th Ave., San Mateo, Calif.

For Sale: New light-weight (15 lbs.) portable tape recorder suitable for saucer research (U.F.O. tapes, etc.) Price \$40. Please write to Eugene Chamberland, 18 Amity Street, Hartford 6, Connecticut.

I have accumulated a large amount of material on flying saucers and other strange phenomena. The collection includes 20 cloth bound books, *Fate Magazine* from the first issue on (70 issues), newspaper clippings, magazines, scarce booklets, scrapbooks. Write first. \$50 postpaid, a very nice collection. Ernest Webb, 5910 Calif. Ave., Altoona, Pa.

FLYING SAUCERS are a thinking man's topic, and chess is a thinking man's game. I would like to play chess by mail, correspond with other chess players on chess, flying saucers, or both.

You take white, and send first move. Walter W. Lewis, 341 Bruno Ave., Pittsburgh, Calif.

IN PRODUCTION, digest sized magazine dealing with science fiction fans, saucer groups, and international organizations along similar lines. First issue coverage limited to six organizations, in Australia, England, U.S., and Austria: we plan coverage of all nations as we expand. Title: *THE TERRAN*. Published approx. trimonthly. Subscription rates, 3 for 25c. We need news of your group! For information and subscription, write: The Terran, Roi Mox, editor, 703 Ida

Street, Hampton, Virginia.

FOR SALE. brand new copy of OAPHSE for only \$5.00 postpaid; Children of Mu (Churchward) for \$3.00 pp; AMAZING STORIES (all Shaver) . . . 3/45, 6/45, 9/45, 12/45, 2/46, 5/46, 9/46, 11/46, 12/46, 1/47, 5/47, 6/47 (Shaver Mystery issue & 8/47 . . . prefer to sell whole lot, which eventually will become treasures; plus two Burroughs novels, "Invisible Men of Mars" & Black Pirates of Barsoom", 10/41, 6/41, resp.; OTHER WORLDS, issues 14 to 22. WANTED TO BUY: FATE, vol. 1, no. 2, 3, 4; vol. 2, no. 4. Robert F. Wierauch, 1500 Arlington Blvd., Arlington 9, Va.

I would like to correspond with anyone interested in solving the U.F.O. mystery. I have read widely on the subject, but at times feel very confused about the whole issue. I also am a photographer and would be willing to exchange 35 mm color slides. Will be glad to hear from you. V. A. DaCosta, Box 266, Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

2nd to 11th issues *Flying Saucers* (fair to excellent condition for sale, 35c ea. or \$3.00 for the set. Dennis Breckenridge, 701 Adelaide Way, Dinuba, Calif. Write first.

I wish to contact anyone who has a hard-to-explain inner feeling of the Shaver Mystery and believe they are receiving thought projections which may be quite abstract, delving in differential motions as the basis of creation of matter, image casting and anatomical electric frame of the human body. Bob Kuehn, Lomira, Wisc.

This is a thank you note. To everyone who sent me a card or cards for my collection I say, "Thank you, very, very much." A great many of you good, kind readers of *FLYING SAUCERS* sent me cards. You made me very happy. I received cards from so many of you that I find I cannot write to each of you. Thank you and may God bless you. Violette C. Wixom, 704 Ashbury St., San Francisco 17, Calif.

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I would like pen pals around my own age of 15 from anywhere in the world, who are interested in Flying Saucers or anything pertaining to it. I promise to answer every letter I get. Michele Morcone, 651-61st St., West New York, New Jersey.

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Am very much interested in all subjects concerning or pertaining to Health; The Soul; The Psychic; the occult and Metaphysical; the Strange, Unusual, and unknown; Other Planets, Worlds, and Civilizations; Space and Time; U.F.O's; F.S.; E.S.P.; Freedom and Justice.

Would be glad to hear from others interested in these subjects, too.

I only receive a small monthly check, so am seldom ever able to buy any of the reading material I desire, but if anyone has any books, magazines, tracts, on these subjects, they want to loan or give away, I would be happy to receive them. Virginia Matz, % Gen. Del. M.P.O., Okla. City 1, Okla.

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WANTED. All persons interested in the investigation of unidentified flying objects or flying saucers. Have you seen what you believe to be a flying saucer?

The Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects, is interested in your sighting. The purpose of organization is to investigate flying saucer sightings or U.F.O. reports, if you have seen anything unusual or what you think is a flying saucer, we would be interested in hearing from you.

Also, if you have found or know of anybody who has found anything or any particle of unidentified flying objects we would appreciate hearing from you. George Thompson, Investigation Director, HOUFO, 2324 N.W. 47th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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I will pay \$1.50 and up (depending on condition) for copies of September 1950 *FATE*, in which my article on George Adamski appeared. I also will offer the

same price for the issue of *VORTEX* in which appeared the story *FOOD FOR THOUGHT*. Please send postal card describing condition and asking price. Payment will be mailed by return post if described copy is in acceptable condition and price is reasonable. Maurice A. Weekley, 5150 69th Street, San Diego 15 Calif.

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I would like to correspond with boys 13 and over who are interested in space travel as a science, not as science fiction. I am very interested in this subject myself. I am 13 years old. Alexander Freda, 2001 McCarter Hwy., Newark, N.J.

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I would like to meet a mature, broad-minded, intelligent Vegetarian (female or male) near my age (23 to 30) years of age who is sincerely interested in the study of Ufology and Reincarnation, who would without seeking obligation, impart their knowledge and/or practice of vegetarianism. Also to discuss seriously, Flying Saucers, Reincarnation, Hypnotism, Clairvoyance and any other subjects in these fields. Please, only individuals who are interested contact Miss Renenan Massie, 1017-14th St., Sacramento, Calif.

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Wanted: Good used copy of November, 1957, issue of *Flying Saucers* Magazine. I will pay any reasonable price for this issue. Also, October, 1957, *Flying Saucer* issue of *Amazing Stories Science Fiction* Magazine. Lucius Farish, Route One, Plumerville, Ark.

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A matter has come to my attention that needs urgent rectification. I refer to the grave injustice done to Buck Nelson of Mountain View, Missouri. As you may know, Nelson claims to have been contacted by space people and to have been to other planets. Because of these claims, his monthly pension, which was his sole means of support other than the sales of his book, has been taken away from him. Even if Nelson's claims are false, there is no need for this dictatorial action. For more information, see Grey Barker's column in the February, 1958 issue of *Flying Saucers*. I ask all of you readers to write to the following addresses to protest this action: State of Missouri, Dept. of Public Health and Welfare, Independence, Mo. or County Welfare Office, Houston, Mo.—Lucius Farish, Route One, Plumerville, Ark.

Wanted: All theories on Flying Saucers. Where they come from; why they're here; and, how they run. Will accept all

theories no matter what they say or how silly they sound. All theories acknowledged. Walter Brower, 167 Madison Ave., Clifton, New Jersey. Ph. GR. 3-2245:

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I would appreciate any information concerning a Flying Saucer group here in Honolulu. I would like very much to be a part of such a group. Dolores L. Kirby, 3571 Puuku Makai Dr., Honolulu 18, Hawaii.

College graduate would very much appreciate hearing from anyone with knowledge of 1949 saucer flap over Cincinnati, Ohio. Other serious minded individuals with kindred interests are urged to write. Do not feel that you label yourself queer by having such interests. I was a very serious doubting Thomas until with a group who sighted a genuine U.F.O. William Squires, Versailles, Ind.

THE END

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reliable either.

E. O. Bert Donaldson
K7DVF
4012 Second N.E.
Seattle 5, Wash.

ATTENTION!! U.F.O. & NEW-AGE PHILOSOPHY STUDENTS!!

DES MOINES - MIDWEST U.F.O. CONVENTION: July 20 thru 24, '60. The second mid-west Universal Fellowship Convention, under the auspices of the Des Moines UFO Club; to be held at the Fellowship Auditorium, S.E. 14th & Creston. Registration, on 20th, official opening, Thursday. UFO Banquet, Saturday evening at Savery Hotel.

Ample camping facilities on the grounds for those equipped to camp. Several fine motels and restaurants nearby for accommodation for visitors; including the Plantation Inn, which is owned and operated by the Des Moines United Fellowship Order.

There will be an outstanding array of U.F.O. and New Age speakers and teachers presented on this program. Those who have tape recorders will be provided with facilities for recording; just bring your machine, Public address system is wired to handle all standard recorders.

Our first convention, held Oct. 31st to Nov. 3rd, 1959, was exceptionally well-received, for the limited publicity given in advance. There were in attendance, people from 14

states, and Canada. A fine and varied program of outstanding speakers and open-forum discussions and demonstrations was enjoyed by all in attendance; many new friendships and contacts made. We hope for an even better convention this July.

For further information write: Dr. D. Roy Parsons, Pres., Des Moines United Fellowship Order, P.O. Box 150, Des Moines, Ia.

UFO Study Club of Kansas City:— Monthly meeting, 2:30 PM on the 2nd Sunday of each month, at Drexel Hall, Linwood & Baltimore. A large and active club - membership over 200; presenting outstanding speakers and discussion programs with each session. Visitors welcomed, and would like to have interested persons as members, if you are in this area. Annual dues \$2 per member. Good lending Library of Books, Periodicals & Tapes, available to members, free, or at small fee. Tape-recording Copying and Sales service for members, at reasonable fees. Have tape-recordings of many out-standing speakers in our Tape Library. Further information write: Paul M. Wheeler, President; UFO Study Club of Kansas City, 1117 Truman Road, Independence, Mo., or, Mr. Ken Priest, Tape Librarian, UFO Study Club of Kansas City, 3001 Norton, Independence, Mo.

LETTERS

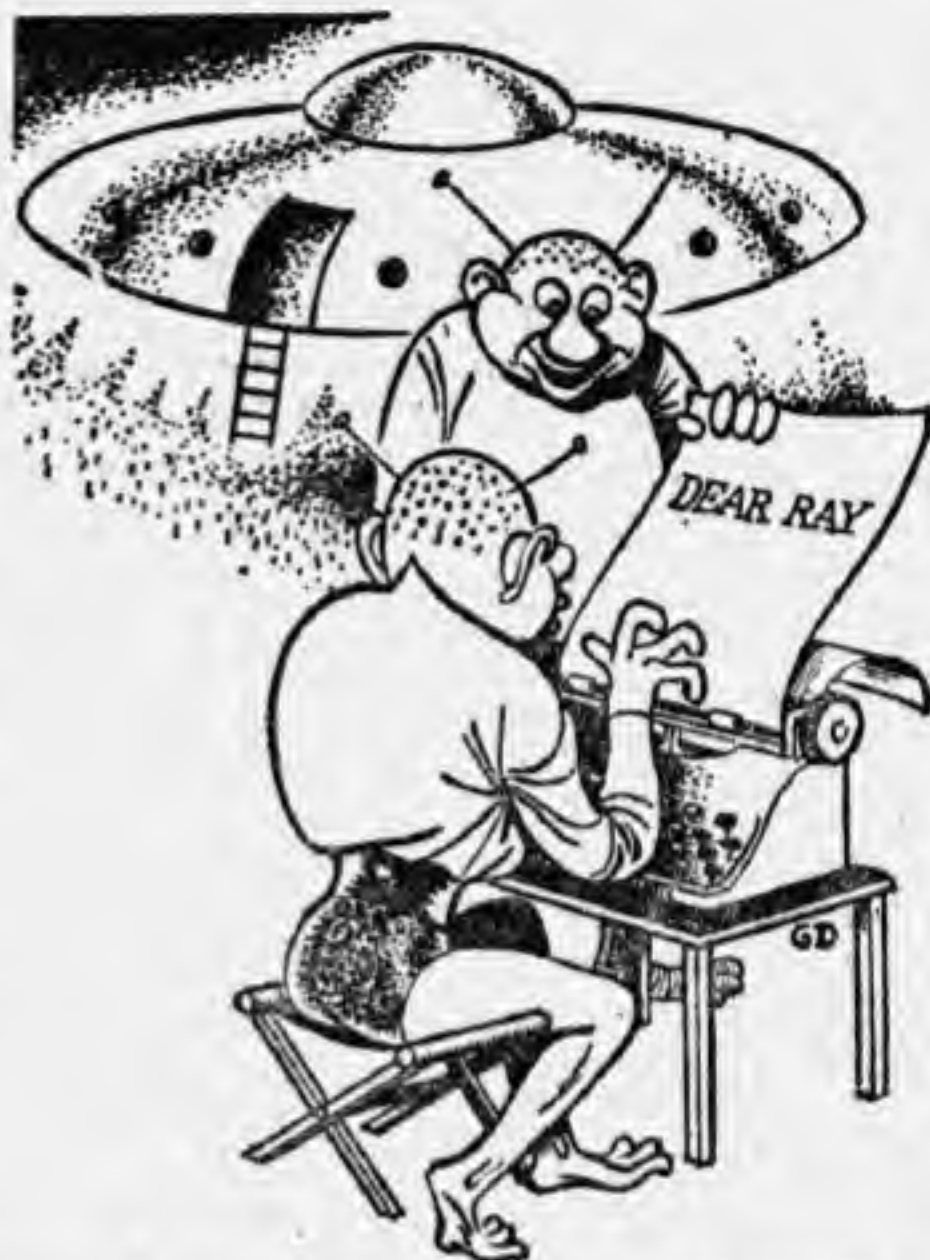
Dear RAP:

Enclosed are some fairly self-explanatory clippings.

Have read your new toroid earth theory. I suppose it's the old circulation boosting gimmick, but while you could have gotten away with it about twenty years ago, hope your present readers recognize it for what it is. I am a physicist with over six years experience in the Arctic, tho none in the Antarctic as yet. Both the U.S. and Russia have had groups of scientists floating all over the Arctic basin and a flight leaves Eillison Field daily for a flight across the pole. I have been in three of those Arctic warm valleys myself. The Arctic is very well explored, nowadays. The Antarctic is receiving attention, too. A group of American scientists spent one whole year exactly at the South Pole, and an exploration party went clear across the Antarctic thru the pole and the parts that haven't been flown over by now are pretty small. Yes, there is a small warm valley in the Antarctic, about 5 miles wide by 15 miles long. It is remarkable but just a valley. Incidentally, your theory about refraction from the air lighting such a hollow—is hollow, too. About 3 degrees is the greatest deflection you would get. The central sun of Pellucidar is a much better gimmick. Goofy as it is, your present line makes better reading than the past lacrymose, self-pitying showers. Don't be afraid of authorities, they may have been there. Their theories may be cracked, but their facts can be sound. I have been to Thule (and beyond) and talked with the Eskimos including Peary's half-breed son and I, too, doubt that he actually reached the pole, but maybe he deserves an "E" for effort.

Eugene Eberhart Smith
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Your letter is indeed a remarkable one. Due to your six years experience, we are going to accept as **FACTUAL** your statement that you have been in three of those Arctic warm valleys yourself. From the statement, we infer there are more than three. Once more we look at the globe, and all maps we have, and we **TRULY**



marvel at your statement. **WHERE** are these three valleys, Mr. Smith! On what **UNMAPPED** land area are they? For you'll have to admit, there is **NONE** on today's map!

But perhaps you mean Alaska? Or Canada? Or Greenland? Or Siberia? Now that you've mentioned them, we'd sure like exact location! Don't leave us **BELIEVING** your statement literally, which seems to tell us these valleys are located in the neighborhood of the Pole, or at least within 1000 miles.

On your objection to our "refraction theory," you apparently misunderstand us. Besides, we're sure the "land of the midnight sun" gets a bit more light than you allow it. What we mean about the illumination inside a hollow earth isn't the amount of "deflection" as you put it, but the sort of diffusion you get from a complex and multiple refraction and diffusion. Actually we didn't say we knew how the interior was lighted, but we can name several different ways. Another is our own pet theory of how the **OUTSIDE** atmosphere is lighted, which takes in electro-magnetic phenomena. You see, we don't even believe that light travels through space—instead we think it is something else, best explained

by the term *electro-magnetism*, and that it is the action of this *electro-magnetic FIELD* on the lower 10 miles of the atmosphere which produces what we call "light" and also "heat."

Lastly, we always see red when we are given that "I am a physicist, and therefore you are wrong" routine. Let's put it this way: if you have a Ph.D., you got it through approximately 16-plus years of schooling. I have added to this schooling, FORTY YEARS of CONSTANT self-education, which I continue even today. I make it a point to STUDY seriously every new book of theoretical and practical science I can get hold of. Not to the extent of actual practice, but to the point of being CONVERSANT with it. I do not have a degree. But neither do I have a period after my name (a period denotes the end of a sentence); at most, I have a semicolon—which means I don't intend to rest on my laurels. I construe your statement that you are a physicist to mean you see no point in also being a theoretician or a philosopher. In short, you've GOT your education; I am still trying to get mine!

If a flight leaves "Eillison Field" daily for a flight across the Pole, I am unaware of it. And if it does, I would like to study their flight log and navigational technique for myself. As of now, lacking that information, I am of the opinion they are "jumping to conclusions" when they say they cross the Pole.

Lastly, if this is a "circulation boosting gimmick," it sure is backfiring! If we couldn't prove before that we're not in this for profit, we CAN now! But you won't see us quitting—not without a little better and convincing performance from the Ph.D.s!—Rap.

Dear Rap:

It looks like a large part of the category of people we refer to as scientists, today, are self sufficient and narrow minded enough to believe that what we know about the universe is really something we can think of as big knowledge.

Mathematics, for example, does not always describe accurately the environment in which we exist. Sometimes, it describes our environment; or, if you prefer, our universe. Sometimes, it describes an "alien" environment, or a parallel environment to ours, that could exist. Quite often, it describes a "differential" part of our environment, so that it shows only an aspect of it. Some scientists should make better use of the concepts of rela-

tivity, and perhaps, too, read Godel's Proof.

For instance, a case in which people are misled, no doubt involuntarily, is about the relations that exist between the various parameters used to compute the comportment of a satellite. Today, scientists speak about an orbit, its corresponding orbital velocity, its eccentricity, apogee, perigee, and so on. They compute the point of entry into orbit, and of course, the escape velocity. So that nobody, not even scientists, seems to remember that at the bottom of all this big scientific achievement, lies the small basic and disturbing principle that follows: absolutely everything actually known on our planet about satellites is true, if, and only if, we rely on rocket propulsion to place these satellites into orbit.

Almost every equation we can find about rockets was devised in an attempt to palliate the clumsiness of those rockets, the only practical known means of propulsion into space. But let somebody find a better way to energize a mass, and the nice result will be that every nation's knowledge about rockets and space will make good museum stuff.

As a suggestion, just try to compute the size and power of a rocket that would be able to replace a rope, for just one hour, if that rope supports a mass of one thousand pounds from the ceiling. Here, the speed factor plays against the rocket.

Now, you can probably see what I was getting at. I am not really enthusiastic about the idea that nobody ever saw a flying saucer near escape velocity. They would not really need to attain that velocity at all! They could just climb at any desired rate of ascent, as long as they would not have to follow a synergic curve.

Also, I made some calculations about that idea of yours that the earth is hollow. It is wonderful how a man can miss something when it is on his own nose; apparently, from a scientific viewpoint, you are right. What is more, any body that would form from a spinning magmat in free space, logically, has to be hollow. And nobody ever thought about it before! It is like that; preliminary research gives you a reason. No matter if we cannot see any holes at the poles of other planets, because they are all approximately in the same plane, and we do not see much of their poles, at least not at a convenient angle, and, anyway, nobody can really see, actually, through their gaseous envelopes.

Something else; I suspect that we will

be able, some day, to take a convenient field with us, in outer space, so that many troubles will vanish.

If you print this letter, please omit my name. Also, if by chance a single saucer, that would come on our planet from outer space, and that would be a threat for certain beings, *would* be benevolent to us, do you not think it would be most important to us to know *nothing* about it?

Well, it is just another hypothesis.
(Name Withheld)

Telegram sent Jan. 31, 1960 to President Eisenhower, at George E. Allen Ranch, La Quinta, California.

Note your 1954 Palm Springs vacation created flying saucer rumors, based on inspection of secret aircraft at California base. Respectfully suggest that your current California vacation helps an American psychological warfare stunt involving purported one-day flying saucer trips by several famous personages who disappeared last night and today. Stunt supposedly being sponsored by international New Age movement which promoted the successful 1957 worldwide demonstrations against atomic bomb tests. Do you condone such psychological warfare stunts by your Agencies?

Leon Davidson
64 Prospect St.
White Plains, N.Y.

(Editor's note: Dr. Linus Pauling is one of the personages referred to.)

January 31, 1960

Dear Ray Palmer:

Just talked to Dr. George Marlo on the phone and he asked me to write you a brief letter. He received a letter from Leon Davidson in which he inferred or alleged that President Eisenhower is in Palm Springs, California in order to view a space craft from another planet and that this visit was planned by Dr. Marlo.

Such is definitely not the case. The President is not there on any instigation by any officer of this organization, neither is he viewing a spacecraft made on another planet. It is more likely that he is inspecting installations or equipment owned by our own country.

Regarding the cancellation of the trip that we had planned, this was done after a very special conference and we are both very happy at the cancellation, tho for a few hours we felt disappointed. The decision was made in plenty of time to send out notices to the Invitees.

We do not wish to be either premature nor to do anything that might bring about an economic upheaval or a disturbance in millions of minds that are not yet prepared. I feel that this is also our opinion.

Our Organization has always cooperated with all law enforcement agencies and all other countries. Cooperation is continuing and the work of the U.F.O. World Research is progressing very well. We are working for the good of all people in the world and for their leaders.

Sincerely yours,

Ottmar Kaub
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St. Louis 9, Missouri
Secretary to—
Dr. George Marlo
3648a Montana
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FL 3-4478

Dear Ray Palmer:

We have the green light and there will be a trip within 60 days.

We know that most all nations know what flying saucers really are but they have to keep secret for a number of reasons.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Palmer:

Real big doings are in the offing! Or, at least, I am led to this conclusion after reading the latest issue of the "Saucerian," published by my corresponding friend Mr. Gray Barker.

It would appear that the "eminent?" Dr. Marlo has indeed crawled out upon the proverbial limb and sawed same off. That is, unless by same modern miracle, he has succeeded where so many have failed.

What, if you please, is your opinion of this man and his sensational invitation? Is he another Adamski or Menger, deluded by the abnormal power of imagination? He claims to have made 60 trips in a spacecraft, including several journeys to the center of the earth. As we are all aware, no one has ever made such public claim before!

For many, many years it has been my opinion that a race of highly intelligent people do actually live in the earth's core—The only point where yours and my theory differ is method of access and egress. This is not to imply you are in error. Matter of fact I am forced to revise my theory, which has to do with caves and huge grottoes, in favor of yours—

As one method of explaining the mystery of UFO's—your theory is most absorbing—although I still believe many of the saucers came from other planets, perhaps men, beyond our solar system—

To get back for a moment, to your theory about the "poles," the following observation struck an incongruous note in my mind. "If Adm. Byrd did find this lush 74 degree climate at the pole, in 1947—is it not a more than reasonable assumption that our government would make a great effort to follow through. Byrd says he was forced to turn back after 2300 miles because of a dwindling gas supply. Granting this to be true, this problem no longer exists. If my information is correct we have planes which can do far better now—

I believe this has already been done and that landings have been made and contacts firmly established with the "Inner earth" people, on a sound and lasting understanding—

Specifically, I believe our government has sought for and obtained the secret of spacecraft propulsion from these advanced thinkers.

Following this line of reasoning I believe it quite rational to theorize that our government, may, at this very moment, be manufacturing these craft.

Have you ever wondered about our lag in the space and missile race? Our government did not build its glorious heritage dating back almost 300 years, by being cravenly stupid. Look at the facts. We are still the greatest nation on earth. Yet, Russia is first with a space vehicle. Why?

Can it be we (our government) are trying to lull the rest of the world? I wonder?

My last question: Do you intend to go along with "Dr. Marlo?"

Wm. L. Constantine
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Louisville 5, Ky.

We have withheld our comment on the four foregoing items in order to comment on them all at one time. First, in estimating Dr. Marlo, and his invite to many people (including your editor) to go on

a flight to the Poles and inside the earth in a flying saucer, there is a complex body of information which we possess which would make any analysis at this time premature and incomplete. However, we can state that we think there is a link between Mr. Davidson, Mr. Kaub, Mr. Marlo and several other flying saucer "personages" which is quite logical. To answer Mr. Constantine's final question, this editor does not intend to go on any saucer flight with Dr. Marlo. It is sufficient that our Gray Barker has agreed.

About Mr. Constantine's theory of what our government does or does not know, we can't say. We don't believe they know any more than they say, but we could be wrong—because it is a fact today that "governmental secrecy" is a new facet of our "land of the free." This is best illustrated by the Air Force Manual recently withdrawn which claims that the religious organizations of the world are "infiltrated with communists" and "there actually are some idiots who believe that the citizen has the right to know what is going on." We don't want to know the "signals," but we sure would like to know who is doing the pitching and catching in today's game! When the militarists decide we don't get a score card, they can also keep their tickets to the "ball game," which they so ridiculously call the game of war! It's time the American People informed the soldier boys that it isn't any "ball game" they are playing! We may be sitting in the stands, but we still would like to see the foul balls coming at us which can crack our noggins!—Rap.

Re. Article by

Peter Kor denying FS mystery

I challenge your statement, Mr. Kor, that you will prove there is no FS Mystery. You have NOT proved there are no flying saucers. In fact, you give no proof whatever that there are no flying saucers. You simply attack the evidence at hand with rather flimsy, though valiant, effort.

For instance, you attack the photograph department file as being grossly hypocritical, because the 'good' photographs showed something was there, whereas those showing good detail were suspected to be fraudulent. In the next paragraph you attack the 'trained observers' as not necessarily being trained to observe the unconventional. So, what about the cameras? Were they devised for the unconventional? In ordinary conventional picture making, there are adjustments for distance, light, etc. What is strange about

a conventional camera fumbling over exposure to an unconventional object? I think the collector of photos would be wise to consider the fumbles the better evidence. I think the ratio of effectiveness of the photo would be about equal to the degree of variance between the conventional and unconventional object.

Now, the ability of the trained observers is a different proposition. That is the human mind at work, and there is no ratio between the human mind and its ability and the mechanical instrument and its picture plate. The human observer can hear as well as see, and also judge speed, distance, etc., though you base your high point of proof more upon the conventional camera than upon the trained observer, whose ability can not be definitely reckoned. Concerning this ability, you state that these trained observers, astronomers and pilots, are 'subject to the same odd effects of the senses,' as are all humans. This statement is not factual. Their training presupposes the frailty of human senses and they are trained to avoid these pitfalls. They are also familiar with the 'conventional' hazards and paraphernalia which can, and do, lead ordinary observers astray. So let us too consider, that, though they may be supermen, they certainly can give supporting evidence upon the likelihood of, or against, the flying saucer mystery.

Though saying there is no proof that the flying saucer mystery exists, you do say: "What does exist is a myriad of different phenomena." Okay, this myriad of different phenomena—which you admit to—, and which, not being explained, must therefore be a mystery, under whatsoever name.

Then you go on to make an effort to systemize science. You offer Seven Steps. Very well thought out Steps too. Probably very workable Steps. But why do you offer these Steps when you deny the whole mystery? Mr. Kor, you not only don't convince me there is no flying saucer mystery, you don't convince me you don't believe there is no flying saucer mystery yourself.

L. Wood
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Dania, Florida

Dear Ray Palmer:

Interest in Peter Kor's treatment of subject of flying saucers leads me to venture into the following comments upon his article in the December issue of your excellent magazine.

As a fairly impartial observer in this matter, first off, I fully agree with this author that the best approach to any subject is the most direct and then wonder in some amazement that the remainder of his article seems evasive, off-center in its reasoning. Essentially, it is noticeable that Mr. Kor fails in his effort to *prove* his objective point that there is in existence no flying saucer mystery. How can there be the amount of smoke which has arisen in the past ten years concerning U.F.O.s without some fire, the which has been constantly stoked? *Why* does interest in the subject increase, instead of decrease, if it be entirely fallacious? Why should anyone either as an individual, or member of a group wish to perpetrate and prolong such a thought? (even tho' it be only thru hypnotic control in its various manifestations).

With all respect to Mr. Kor, one might suggest the following—if you possess no other manner of sorting out what you consider 'correct' knowledge, at least listen to, and read as much discussion on the subject as possible, then mull it over in your own thoughts and wait awhile to discover how much it adds up to in your own conclusions. Actually, your own are as good as anyone's for the subject is vast, complex, not really ready to be narrowed down in most persons thoughts.

I feel that Mr. Kor errs in saying that those who believe in flying saucers are members of a "clan" while those who do not thus believe, are outside it. Many are only *individual*, and would not subscribe to any outward group in this matter, preferring their own private research, and these need feel no compulsion to be answerable to any agnostic challenge, or be called upon to explain any private reason for any particular personal conclusions.

Whether one attempts to approach the 'mystery' from a scientific or religious method, or any combination of the two (which are only one, considering all is basically of one Divine beginning, even tho' it be called science in a different presentation), is of small concern factually, as long as he is at least *approaching* it, and not *retreating* from the extensive subject at hand.

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Prescott, Arizona

Ray Palmer:

I have just received the December edi-

tion of Flying Saucers and after reading your editorial I read Peter Kor's article. Before I go any further I want to say that he is the grandest liar and the most unfair demagogue there is living. It is proven a dozen ways in his imbecile harangue. One in particular I want to mention on page 53, quote: "That these researchers are very quick to criticize but are unable to take criticism. That they believe what they want to believe and reject all other possibilities."

To reverse this and make it apply to him would be correct. He is the exact duplicate of the old boys who claimed the world was flat and the earth was the center of the universe and the sun moved around the earth, and also, like our old scientists who claimed anything moving at the speed of 20 miles per hour would catch fire from the friction of the wind and burn up. I have heard his kind condemn a man who had been proven innocent in a case against him regardless of the proof of his innocence. He is one of those prosecuting attorneys who will accept no evidence against his accusations, so when we run up against this kind of imbecile there is no use in producing evidence. He is beyond all reason.

You are so fair as to print this harangue, and then be accused by his all out of reason lying, is sufficient proof to any fair minded person of your truthfulness and all sensible reasoning.

C. M. R. Hendricks
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Chicago 14, Ill.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Because my letter is so long, and involves three different issues of *F.S.*, I'm going to divide it into three large parts (one for each issue) and each of those three parts into subparts to fit my questions and statements on each.

1.) October, 1959—

a. In this issue you talk about an "anonymous" satellite, which you described in the February, 1959 issue of *F.S.*; if you'll remember correctly, you regarded it as a *Russian Reconnaissance satellite*, and even went into detail about its distance from the earth, size, weight, and even told about your's and other people's sightings of it. Now you say it was an anonymous satellite and that it had something to do with *Project Argus*. So, which was it?

b. In answer to my letter, you say, "there is no satellite in orbit which broadcasts continuously." This is either an

oversight on your part or a deliberate nonfact, because *Vanguard 1*, which was put in orbit on March 17, 1958, has continuously broadcasted since then and is still in orbit, broadcasting (it uses solar batteries). *Sputnik III* is the same way. Also *Explorer IV* and *VII* which use solar batteries. I know these facts to be true Mr. Palmer, because I've been studying rockets, space-projects, etc. since I was ten years old, and I think I know a little more about them than you do.

c. You describe the Bible as "just another leading publication," and that's all; well, *Mr. Know It All*, that "leading publication" happens to be just about the very most leading publication in the world and about the most widely read too. I swear I hope that you end up where you're heading. Maybe I don't believe in imps, hellfire, and things like that, but I sure do believe in GOD's punishment for such people as you, who try to turn the good people of this country into a laughing stock of fools with your idiotic theories.

d. As for your explanation of how the earth was formed, no one knows for sure how the earth was formed, not even you; were you here then?

e. Palmer, you say to think for myself and not take the word of the leaders; if no one in this country took the word of their leaders sometime, this country sure would be in a hell of a mess, wouldn't it?

f. Finally, you go on to dispute my information about Venus' atmosphere; well, maybe you read recently about two men who rode in a gondola under a large balloon to a height of about 20 miles and photographed the atmosphere of Venus through a telescope. You know what they discovered? Oxygen and water vapor. There goes your spectrograph-being-no-good-theory right down the drain.

2.) December, 1959—

a. As for this issue, I've only got one thing to say and that is I think you really lost your mind when you rigged up that donut-shaped earth theory, Palmer. Do you really think that anyone is stupid enough to believe that idiotic and ridiculous, so-called theory of yours? I must admit, Palmer you've had some pretty ridiculous theories and ideas thus far, but this one takes the cake. Some of the things you think up are so ridiculous, I wouldn't even think about them, let alone try to make people believe them.

3.) February, 1960—

a. All told, this was a pretty good issue. Dr. Fontes article, *Brazilian Top Secret Report Unveiled* was exceptionally

good; also Gray Barker's article and the other two were pretty good too. The only bad points that I could find were: Your editorial, some of the letters, and your answers to them. (*Boy, you really must have donuts on the brain or something, Palmer.*)

b. One letter which interested me somewhat was from Miss Alice M. Johnson of Chicago, Illinois. She writes about the polar-orbit satellites (*Discoverers*) and that she also thinks they go into the "donut" hole at the end of the earth. This I don't believe and will never believe. The satellites failed for any number of reasons. Some because of parachute troubles, others because of radio troubles (Ex. - batteries freezing), one (*Discoverer I*) because of timer troubles (it landed in Norway, somewhere; it was in the paper). In the latest attempt (*Discoverer IX*) to orbit a polar satellite and recover the nosecone-capsule, the capsule contained metal foil which was to float down with the satellite to permit tracking radar in case of radio failure; the satellite failed to achieve an orbit because of insufficient speed.

c. There is no satellite base at the South Pole. The U.S. and U.S.S.R. both have bases at the South Pole, but they're not launching bases. There were articles in newspapers and magazines proving this. There were even pictured articles on the bases too.

d. Your theory, about the earth's shadow on the moon, etc. can easily be proved wrong, because of photos taken of the earth from rockets and even a satellite, *Explorer VI* (the paddle-wheel satellite). The photos thus far taken show the curvature of the earth. *Popular Science* magazine (January, 1960) contained a photo of about half of the earth (very clear one, taken from an ATLAS I.C.B.M.). If you don't believe me, just ask and I'll send it to you and I'd dare you to publish it. The paddle-wheel satellite transmitted an image of the earth which also proved that the earth is round, not as you said.

e. It is known and has been for many, many years (as proof, I offer the reports of thousands of well known scientists as well as hundreds of encyclopedias and other scientific books) that the earth has a fluid (molten) core; if it didn't the earth would have very little gravity and atmosphere because of it.

f. My hat's off to Mr. V. H. Endersby in your February issue for his very good letter which I think proved his points

very easily; he's got guts and a clear thinking head.

Boy, you can present some pretty ridiculous and idiotic theories sometimes, can't you, Palmer? I'll be very surprised if I look in the next issue of *Flying Saucers* and see this letter, because I don't think you'll print it; I dare you to though.

Mr. Charles Rosekrans
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Portsmouth 3, Va.

P.S. By the time you get this, you'll probably know about the mystery satellite orbiting the poles. The Defense Department announced today (Feb. 10) that its origin is not known and that it could be Russian. They say its been in orbit for 2 weeks and that it probably weighs 15 tons. There has been no word from Russia yet.

1-a *It was Olavo Fontes who talked of the "anonymous" satellite in the October 1959 issue, not your editor!*

1-b *You may know these facts to be true, Mr. Rosekrans, but I do not. I don't think ANY satellite broadcasts continuously. I would appreciate it if you would send me proof that your statements are true. It seems I have conflicting evidence, and it would be interesting to compare the two sources.*

1-c. *Charlie, you INSIST on misquoting me. I did not say the Bible was "just another leading publication." Read it again! As for the Bible being the "most widely read" publication in the world, I really doubt that. For instance, how often do YOU read the Bible? Lots of copies sold, but precious little READING, Charlie. This is unfortunately true, as any minister can tell you! Do you REALLY believe that God will punish me for expressing my ideas as I see them? That I, alone of all humans, am denied free will? No, I see you include "such people as you." Sorry if you believe that people like me are due for punishment. I'll have to tell you I don't go along with your belief. You are judging, and I don't think you've got the right.*

1-d. *If "being there" is a requisite to knowing something, you automatically eliminate all of history except the last 100 years! In fact, since you weren't at the Crucifixion, you just removed it from human knowledge! Charlie, you are positively annihilating! And you do it so easily! Presto, and everything that ever existed vanishes into the nothingness of your "unbelief."*

1-e. *Will you QUIT misquoting me! I don't say not to take anybody's word—I*

say not to take it without question! Don't be a patsy—there are too many people out to "take" patsies! Not even politicians are ENTIRELY truthful.

1-f. All you prove in this paragraph is that you don't know how a spectroscope works. WHY do you think these balloonists took the trouble to take their spectroscope ABOVE the Earth's atmosphere? To get a reading NOT including the Earth's atmosphere, which, by intervening, makes it IMPOSSIBLE to get a true reading of the atmosphere of another planet!

2-a. No, I don't think anybody should BELIEVE my doughnut shaped earth theory. I think they should QUESTION it, and if possible, blow my theory to bits! Why not have a try at it, other than just calling it idiotic, stupid, insane, etc. And why won't you even THINK about the things I say? Too much work?

3-b. Discoverer IX HAD sufficient speed. I read it in the paper. Discoverer I landed in Norway? You read it in the paper. Maybe we read different papers. Besides, I question the papers—you see, I know many newspapermen. Some of them are half crooked when they write their stories. Still, they report that in seven straight "perfect disengagements" of nose cones, there were seven straight "perfect disappearances" of the cones. Since you do accept newspaper reports, you'll have no objection to me pointing out these "disappearances" as evidence of something worth thinking about, if for no other reason than to discover a way to save the taxpayers from further wasted money on perfect failures in spite of perfect procedure (or is it so perfect, after all?)

3-b The USSR has no base at the South Pole. The US base in Antarctica is called a "satellite base" in at least one respect—which I mentioned in the December issue. Again you MISQUOTE me! Did I say "launching base?" I said it COULD NOT be a launching base! I questioned WHY it is called a SATELLITE BASE!

3-d. NOW you've got an argument! There has been NO photo taken from a rocket that shows the Earth's CURVATURE! Not only will I dare to publish any photo you send me (please get me a glossy proof, not one torn from Popular Science, as it won't reproduce well) but I will show, in a current article, that the so-called "curvature" is not only an illusion, but a deception, although it may be an innocent deception! Yes, I know that photos have been taken, and that they

have been published in magazines and newspapers, and that they show a "curvature" of the Earth's surface. But it is entirely illusory, and shows nothing but the HORIZON. Actually, I have not yet said exactly what SHAPE I think the Earth is—I have described it as "doughnut" shaped, only in reference to the hole that MAY be through the middle of it. But it could be a perfect sphere, with the hole something on the order of a billiard ball with a hole drilled through it. Also, not all doughnuts are shaped like the conventional doughnut; I've seen some that were triangular. Let's not go off on arguments about what shape a doughnut is. The theory being examined here is "with a hole through it—as in a doughnut." One other thing, no Atlas ICBM, at a height such as it achieved on its picture-taking flights, could picture HALF the Earth, or anywhere near it. The pictures I saw did not even picture all of ONE CONTINENT.

3-e. I have yet to find a scientist who KNOWS the earth has a fluid, molten core. Many have theories that it does, and one of the reasons is that they theorize that it takes a fluid core to set up the mysterious "magnetism" field that we observe. The fact is, we can detect a magnetic field, some sort of energy, and energy is manufactured by some action of matter, so we postulate matter in motion, and we pick on a "molten" core of the Earth to provide this matter in motion. But that it actually is so just isn't well-known by thousands of scientists and hundreds of encyclopedias. (It would be interesting to have a list of these encyclopedias—we didn't know there were so many.) Also we are curious to know what a molten, fluid core would have to do with having gravity and atmosphere?

3-f. Obviously you take your hat off to Mr. Endersby because he disagrees with me. And we can easily deduce that you think I haven't any guts, and do not have a clear thinking head. Well, we can't all be blessed that way.

As for your PS, you have no qualms at misquoting the Air Force either! You say "they say it's been in orbit for two weeks." They didn't say that—they said they detected it two weeks ago. It might have been in orbit for centuries, for all they know! In my opinion, this "mystery satellite" is one of our Discoverers which went astray, and they've just relocated it. And since it isn't in the orbit they planned, they are just too egotistic to admit it might be theirs.—Pap.

(Editor's note: See the article in this issue which covers this mystery satellite in full.)

Dear Ray:

I find your Dec. issue of Flying Saucers very interesting and it is arousing much comment. Will you please mail me two issues (Dec.). Also, will you send me a list of material that you have that would be suitable for a lecture tour. I am thinking about covering some country again in Jan. Have made two national tours now and started many clubs. Some have been quite successful and others not so successful depending upon the calibre of local leadership. I am very hopeful of covering Wisconsin and Minnesota this time, a territory I have not been in so far. I have a few contacts there now and would appreciate key addresses you have in those states. Objective is to get more activity going, more club work, more members and more realization about the vast impact of UFO and the critical world situation pertaining to individual freedom, etc. Any ideas or suggestions from you would be appreciated. (Wisconsin readers note—Editor.)

In regard to the Antarctic area re possible origin of Saucers and advanced civilization within the earth, have you heard of the book *Etidorpha* written in the late 1800's. This book recounts a 30 year experience of a man, claimed to be factual, of living within the earth and seeing all sorts of fantastic wonders. I have a book reserved in a rare book place that I plan to buy and had a copy from the Toledo public library. Also have heard of a book called *Indo Wisdom* which tells of this advanced civilization. Have also seen a map of a polar area entry into the earth that would tie in with your account of the Admiral Byrd flight.

Of course with the possibility of life within the earth and craft originating there, it still does not preclude the probability of interplanetary craft as well. Both may be true.

Since our meeting in Kalamazoo, Mich. much water has gone over the dam and many miles traveled for both of us. I wish to compliment you on the high grade publication you have been putting forth and hope we might meet again soon. If this tour of Wisconsin and Minnesota develops I most assuredly want to drop in and have a visit. Also will try to do all the good I can for your effort as well.

Wayne S. Aho
1434 Broadway Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Palmer:

After reading "Saucers from Earth" in Flying Saucers Magazine, I am beginning to think the earth is shaped like a doughnut. Instead of having a magnetic North and South pole, it could have a magnetic North and South circle. Inside of that circle could be a lot of territory.

When crossing into the magnetic circle, a compass would reverse the same as what they believe to be the north or south pole. The climate could be the coldest on the magnetic circle, and get warmer as you travel farther into the circle, maybe right through the middle of the earth.

If I could afford it, I would sure like to make a trip and find out for myself.

Carl L. Hannas
St. Paul, Alberta
Canada

This idea of a North and South "polar circle" rather than just a "point" or particular spot, is really fascinating, and elsewhere in this issue you will find some amazing indication that this may be precisely the truth. If so, it would explain many of the confusions existing in the minds of polar explorers from the earliest (particularly Nansen) and up to the most recent Navy mapping flights (which have turned up some astounding paradoxes).—Rap.

Dear Ray:

I had already started writing a letter to you when I got the Feb. issue of Flying Saucer. I was going to tell you about the big error in geography of R. E. Byrd's polar flights but I see hundreds of others beat me to it and anyhow it was a planned, deliberate mistake. I thought there was a catch to it and maybe Byrd did make a North Pole flight in 1947 but that would be a good way to find out. I am slow writing letters but I'm going to try to finish this off in one night.

While on the subject of Polar expeditions, South and North, there is something awful peculiar to me. I have a late (1958) edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica and it gives an autobiography of R. E. Byrd up to March 11, 1957 date of his death. It gives all of his exploits where and when but fails utterly to mention his last journey to Antarctica in '55-'56 winter. Why? He himself said it was the most important discovery trip of all time. Under the heading of Antarctica there is no mention of it, either, although every voyage is accounted for from the voyage of Capt. James Cook right down to the present. Again, why? It appears that

those who are in control of dissemination of knowledge have conspired to hide facts concerning this last journey of his.

Tonight with the 1948 World Almanac at hand I have figured out the area of the earth sphere from its mean diameter (πd^2). Then I added up the various separate land masses and water surfaces and find that there is a whopping 12,800,000 square miles discrepancy in the respective areas. In other words there is 12 million some odd sq. mi. of surface that can't be placed on the globe of the Earth as represented by its oblate spheroid shape. It is excess surface that could only be placed down if the Earth had the "dough-nut" shape. Again, confirmation of your theory in my own mind, at least.

You said in one answer to a letter someone wrote that you would like to have your readers help you in finding out more facts about the location of the South and North Magnetic Poles. I'll pass along the following, maybe it will be of some service to you:

SOURCE: World Almanac 1948

Center of Area designated N.M.P. Date, 1905 about Lat. 70.5 degrees N. Long. 96 degrees W.

Center of Area designated tentatively estimate 1945. About Lat. 76 degrees N. Long. 102 degrees W.

Position of South Magnetic Pole, 1912. Near 71 degrees S. Long. 150 degrees E. Position of South Magnetic Pole a shift to (estimated but not confirmed), 1945. Near Lat. 68 degrees S. Long. 145 degrees E.

SOURCE:

Encyclopaedia Britannica (1958)

N.M.P. given as Boothia peninsula N. Canada. Lat. 71 degrees N. Long. 96 degrees W. Date Ross observed 1831, Amundsen 1903.

N.M.P. more recently Lat. 76 degrees N. Long. 102 degrees W. 1945.

S.M.P. even less well known but is generally given as Lat. 73 degrees S. Long. 156 degrees E. recent.

SOURCE:

Funk & Wagnall's Encyclo. (1951)

It is given differently (in miles instead of degrees)

N.M.P. is located on Boothia Peninsula, an. Northwest Terr. 500 miles Northwest west of Hudson Bay.

S.M.P. is located in South Victoria Land 750 miles NW. of Little America.

Distance between two North Poles is about 1350 miles.

Distance between two South Poles is about 1050 miles.

A line joining two magnetic poles passes

about 800 miles from center of Earth.

So it appears from the foregoing that only the North M. Pole is fairly well agreed on, not so the S.M.P. it is still very vague and ill defined. Logic would tell that it should be opposite the N.M.P. but maybe it isn't. The one source says it (the Mag. Poles) is subject to diurnal, seasonal and periodic changes plus magnetic storm fluctuations.

The article by Peter Kor is good piece put out by the opposition of Flying Saucer fans. He says that the "flying saucer mystery" is just a myth. Is it? Ask certain members of the Armed Services if A.F. and Naval Regulations ——— (I forget the numbers and code) are in effect, which same provide for stiff penalties and fines to those who are indiscreet enough to spill any information regarding U.F.O.'s or F.S. And surely our defense services would not set up a whole organization just to investigate and chase these "myths" of Mr. Kor's. They have even fired on these myths, I hear tell. The part of our government concerned with our safety and defense does not fool around with myths, surely, Mr. Kor. If they did, I would not trust my security to them, neither would you. *I say that what mystery does exist about flying saucers is caused 99% by the Air Force and C.I.A.* hush-up policy and the ridiculous run-around, beat around the bush any sincere investigator such as you, Ray, Barker, Keyhoe and many others get if they try to obtain the facts about sightings, encounters, etc. The Air Force and Pentagon are probably bulging with thousands of reports the civilian, Congress or Senate can not find out about; all in the name of security. Security from what or who?! No one apparently knows.

I also take issue with Mr. Kor on his assertion that flying saucer investigation is carried out on an "unscientific basis." He says that just because a phenomenon takes place in the skies, mysterious flashes, ice falls, sky quakes, etc. of that sort it is all lumped into the flying saucer category. Well, why not? If those beings (be they deros or "outer space" people) have vehicles to travel in, they reasonably would be expected to have all sorts of contrivances to span the interplanetary, interstellar, or inter-earth distances and also it could be logically assumed that they would have all sorts of exhausts, waste material, sounds, lights (or lack of each or all). If they are magnetically driven they could be expected to interfere with radio, light, electrical waves (which

they have been known to do).

While I think of it, along this line, do you remember Ray of the "dark day" of September 25, 1950? Did it affect you there in Wisconsin? Here about 3:30 in the afternoon it got pitch black all over and they said it was smoke from great Canadian forest fires that caused it. I never believed it. That same afternoon in Philadelphia at a ball park or park of some kind a peculiar purple globe, jelly-like in appearance about 4 feet in diameter came down out of the sky. It settled on the ground and police were notified to pick it up and take it to a laboratory to examine it. By the time they got to the station it had evaporated. Well, now Mr. Kor would say "you see you are jumping to conclusions that this was a flying saucer manifestation." But I say when you find that there have been other falls of this sort of gooey stuff and connected with actual saucer craft it all adds up. Kor may choose to call the flying saucer any name he likes but just the same it is not a myth. Wherever they come from throughout all history there is more to it than meets the eye. *Definitely*, no myth.

Incidentally two weeks to the day after the darkness I saw but I don't know if any one else glimpsed it toward evening about 7:00 (it was dusk) a tremendous brilliant bluish green flash from horizon to horizon in the twinkling of an eye (so it seemed) and again about 10 seconds later another flash not exactly a flash but both times it seemed the whole sky was just lit up for a split second. I mentioned to different people in the family and neighborhood but no one saw it I guess. The funniest thing I ever saw.

Nevertheless I will agree with Kor on the fact that the best sighting (that is "contactee") are not accepted as evidence. This is unfair and I don't know how you feel about "contactees," Ray, but I think it is simply because to a lot of people the idea of people or beings on other planets is just not conceivable but I myself think it is the only reasonable thing to believe regarding our space neighbors (planets). I do not doubt the "under world people" exist and they have craft of their own and they regard us on the surface, if at all, as nothing but another species of animal life. Shaver knows and thousands of others but secrecy is the word. After all as you say, Mr. Palmer, Shaver called the plays on saucers long before Kenneth Arnold and predicted correctly. I shudder sometimes but it is true.

Arthur W. Woodward

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Kane, Pa.

Dear Ray:

Something tells me that you are either NUTS, or you actually know something as a FACT which is not permitted us poor ignorant peons to know; as being the ones who support the immense fields of brass and blue uniforms that blythely sail to the North Pole and back day after day, on weather mission after weather mission, several thousand of them, and still they do not know just how far it is from Fairbanks to Moscow, via direct air-line route? Which incidently is almost a direct line over the North Pole. Do you think that as many G.I.'s as I have talked to that have been in the Air Force and have made the trips to the North Pole and returned many hundreds of times and have "eyeballed" the terrain countless times and still cannot come up with any fantastic tales as you have concocted, that I can believe your wild tale, concept, theory or whatever you want to call it as you published it in the December issue of "Flying Saucers?"

Well, now that I have blasted you with the apparent, permit me to back down a bit and make a few limited concessions. I have checked on the Ross gull theory, and do find that there has never been any record of where they migrate to . . . and it seems that there is a similar bird in the South Pole regions that also disappears. But here I would like to inject another strange question—WHY DO THE LEMMINGS AND THE ARCTIC HARE, PERIODICALLY MIGRATE WESTWARD AND DESTROY THEMSELVES IN THE SEA?

Several times I've read, and it seems that geologic findings substantiate it, that the North Pole may have at one time been in the middle of the Pacific—and not too many thousand years ago. Could it be that at one time these animals did for countless thousands of years migrate to their native homeland, but that with the shift of the poles, and a direct change of the direction to which they turned, these land animals still travel in the same direction (to them) in relation to the turn of the earth?

Ray, if you have a definite picture of what you think a cross section of this old Earth actually and factually presents, why in hell don't you present it? I have a theory which I believe could be geologically true, because no one on Earth has penetrated to a depth of ten miles into

the crust of the Earth, (or have they?) and so with the diameter of the Earth being approximately 8,333 miles, and supposing that the crust of the Earth is only 100 miles thick, that still leaves a potential empty space of approximately 8,133 miles across, room enough for a central Sun in the center of not too large a size and still leave between three and four thousand miles between it and the inside of the crust of this GOOD OLD EARTH? How do we get into the center of this great INSIDE WORLD? That is the stickler, and it is the one point that is yet to be ascertained. This question lies figuratively under a potential blanket of perpetual fog. Get it? And this I have feared to ask of leading North Pole experts—**IS THERE A BLANKET OF FOG COVERING ANY PART OF THE AREA ADJACENT TO OR AT THE NORTH POLE** that continually blankets the area? Of course, if the inside of the Earth is by any chance inhabited by Dero's with their "rays," the minds of any humans and all of their instruments could be controlled to "see" only that which "they" wanted seen. But the final point is:

IF, WHEN THIS EARTH WAS FORMED OUT OF WHIRLING MASSES OF HOT ELEMENTS IN THEIR GASEOUS FORM, AND AFTER EONS OF TIME THE GASES COOLED TO FORM A CRUST, did not that crust solidify to form a SHELL? A shell that compared to the entire diameter of the EARTH would be comparable to the shell of an egg? And is it not comprehensible that in the final stages of its cooling that the gases not solidified should expand and seek an escape through the terminals at each end of the Earth, or what was then points at opposite sides or ends of it? EARTH HAS GONE THROUGH MANY CATYCLSMS AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY TIMES THE INSIDE OF ITS SHELL HAS GONE THROUGH THE SAME UPHEAVALS, and its civilizations have suffered much more than we on its surface.

Yes I know that the foregoing brings up many questions relative to volcanoes, earthquakes and the shifting of certain portion of the Earth's crust, but then even considering a potential possibility of two hard crusts; an outer one, the convex surface and the inner one, the concave hard surface, with a possibility of a fluid molten, still unhardened area between them, it is still possible to explain "away" (as is the way our scientists seem to figure) volcanoes; outer Earth's

crust shifting, fault lines, etc.

But all in all, this humble fool can conceive of an entire civilization of a much higher calibre than ours, living in perfect harmony in a vast concave world **INSIDE the SHELL of our GREAT EARTH**, which we of super (?) egotistics minds think is the ultimate of human endeavour, in-so-far as the highest advancement of the race of "home-o-saps" is concerned.

I WONDER, RAY, IS THERE A HOLE AT EACH END OF THIS EARTH THAT IS ANYWHERE FROM A QUARTER MILE TO A HUNDRED MILES ACROSS, NAMELY AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES, WHICH IS ALWAYS SHROUDED WITH FOG? I'm asking you!

JUST JIM

*You certainly "blast" us in your opening comments, but you more than make up for it in the rest of your letter, Jim! As for diagrams, we'll present these aplenty, later on. We have already said that it'll probably take us years to present all the evidence, but you should realize that things are coming in to us so fast that we're trying to marshal the real clinchers into unassailable form before we give the critics a chance to tear them apart. Also, the critics are right now giving us all their arguments which we are beginning to find will only serve as ammunition for our own guns when we fire the vital salvoes! Take your challenge for a "diagram." You apparently think that this is where we'll stumble, that we can't do it! Well, we can! But editor Ray Palmer isn't exactly a good artist, or even a draftsman. When we sit down at that old drawing board, it's difficult to produce any Rembrandt masterpieces, or any Rand McNally blueprints! However, we do have some artists who will do the work for us, if we are **ABLE TO EXPLAIN** to them just what it is that they are to visualize on paper! Ever try to explain to an artist how something theoretical looks!*

*As for your "blanket of fog," if you'll read the works of explorers, you'll find that fog is one of the things they curse the most, and one of the reasons many got lost. And they all seem to marvel at the increasing incidence of fog the nearer you get to the Poles. The trouble is, there is so MUCH documentary material left by these explorers, and it is so **DIFFICULT** to get it, that here is a job we despair of ever completing. What we need is a half-dozen researchers to sit in the Congress-*

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sional Library for a couple of months, and just read every scrap listed that bears upon either Pole and those who have explored it.

As for the size of the hole of the Poles, how can that be decided until we know a few more facts about WHY explorers get lost up there? Yes, it may be only a few hundred miles across, or it may be as much as 1700, but we hardly think it is a quarter mile across. All the evidence points toward a very gradual foreshortening of the horizon in a north and south direction, while the east-west apparent distance of the horizon remains much greater. Can you explain this matter of agreement on the part of many polar explorers? Why should the horizon be nearer to the north or south, and remain distant east and west? And how explain such incomprehensible things as the north star being **TO THE STERN** of the ship **BEFORE IT HAS TURNED TO COME BACK FROM THE POLE?**

Eventually, we hope to have marshalled a great mass of material into **FLYING SAUCERS Magazine**, and then take the whole thing, revise it, and put it into comprehensive book form, with a complete theory derived from it. But let's agree that we'll have to contend with the haphazard method we must employ at this point. All we ask is that our readers, both those who disagree and those who agree (and those who have no opinion either way) send us every fact for and against which they run across. We'll print any article, letter, chart, table, drawing, bit of hearsay, or diary dug from an attic of a long-dead explorer you can produce. But please don't resort to the favorite pastime of those lard-heads who fake photos of flying saucers and send them to us while they laugh like loons at the prospect of us printing them! We are **NEVER** fooled by this sort of thing, because only lack of intelligence could be the motivating force for such childishness—and we readily grant that we can detect idiocy from any distance! So don't add your name to our idiot file, if you're a "smart" kid with a two-bit chemistry set.—Rap.

Dear Ray:

In the February issue of *Flying Saucers* you pushed the poles around here and there without thought or design. You stated that the north magnetic pole is 200 miles from the north geographical pole, and the south magnetic is 2300 miles from the south geographic pole. Did you stop

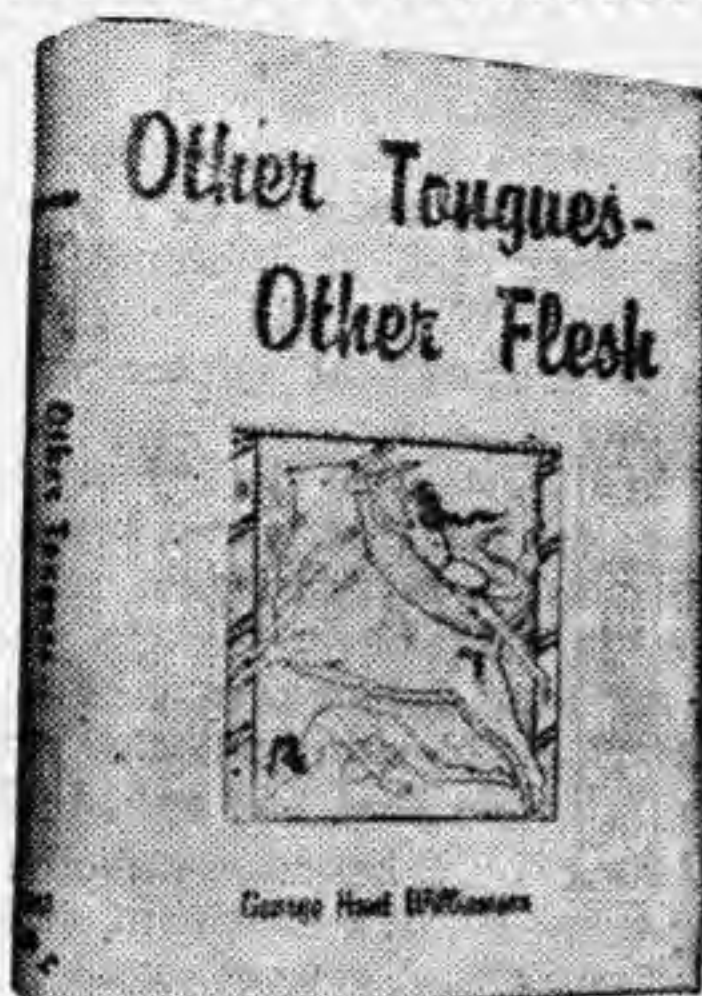
to think that 2300 miles could put the south pole in South America? That is getting it up this way pretty close, don't you think?

The following, so far as I know, is the most reliable information on the subject. It is correct for all practical purposes, meaning for navigation. It does not mean that you can take a chart and stick a pin-point on the position and say "This is it."

"Navigation and Nautical Astronomy," Dutton, a textbook for use at the U.S. Naval Academy, and "American Practical Navigator," Bowditch, a book of tables and other information relating to navigation, used by practically all navigators, agree on the positions of the poles as being North magnetic pole 71 degrees north, 96 degrees west South magnetic pole 73 degrees south, 156 degrees east 71 from 90 is 19 degrees which is 1140 miles, the distance from the north geographic to the north magnetic pole. 73 from 90 is 17 degrees which is 1020 miles, the distance between the south geographical and the south magnetic poles. The longitude is not considered in measuring distances in a true north and south direction as it is measured on the meridian.

Around the earth, from pole to pole, (Magnetic poles) we have magnetic meridians. In contrast to geographical meridians by which we measure longitude and which are fixed, the magnetic meridians move from east to west and back again. The difference between the geographical meridian or true north and south, and direction in which a magnetic compass would point, and the magnetic meridian of a place, is the declination. The first observations recorded were made at London in 1580 and showed an easterly declination of 11 degrees. This is presumed to be the easterly maximum. In 1815 the declination reached 24.3 degrees westerly maximum. This gives us a difference of 35.3 degrees change in 235 years. 35.3 degrees is equal to 2118 miles. Let's take a line 2118 miles long and center it on the pole. Now take half of that or 1059 miles and use as a radius for a circle around the pole. See what we get? The rim of the hole. The poles travel around these rims once every 235 years. This is the reason that the magnetic and geographical poles do not coincide. The geographical poles are the extension of the earth's axis, around which it rotates, and can be in space, or anywhere, wherever the axis extends.

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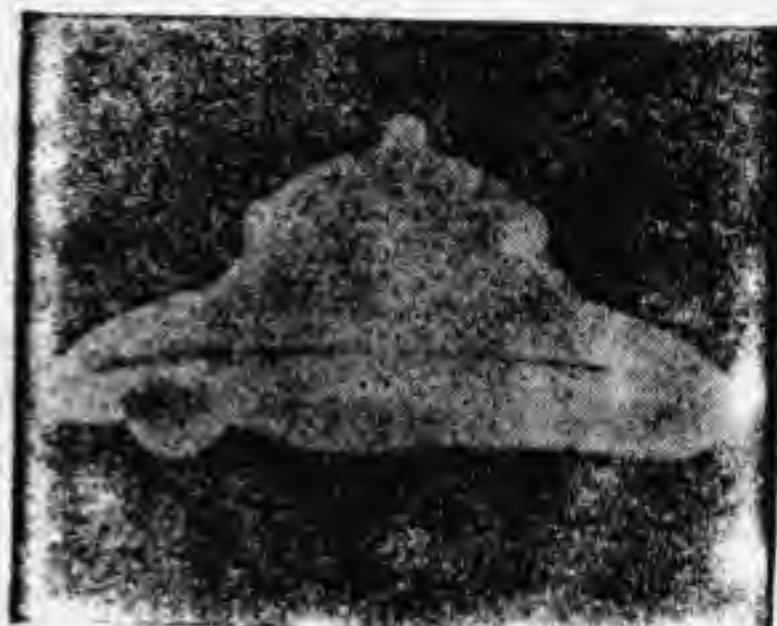
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strong magnetic field, which in this case would amount to the same thing) must be on the surface of the magnet, for it is the point or area on the surface of the magnet at which the magnetic lines of force emerge or enter the magnet. Therefore for the earth, The Rim. The rim surrounds a hole that is over two thousand miles in diameter which is a great enough distance for the turn over the lip of the hole to be so gradual, that any one sailing over it would never know until they were X miles beyond the pole, in a land of—?

Joseph B. Gunter
P.O. Box 104
Vero Beach, Florida

There is so much comment coming to us regarding the magnetic "pole" being a large circle that we are amazed the proposition has never been advanced before. The information you give is well worth thinking about, and as we examine it, we are struck with the FIRST LOGICAL EXPLANATION we've ever seen to account for the way the magnetic poles move around! Now that you point it out, the FOCAL POINT, or the actual "pin-point" of the magnetic pole, exists on only one portion of the circumference of that circle at a time, and moves progressively around the circle in a definite "orbit" that takes some 235 years! This would make the magnetic pole travel approximately 18 miles per year, which in 12 years would "move a mountain" away from the previously mapped spot (mapped (magnetically) by a distance of 216 miles! (See the article concerning the Navy's "lost mountains" elsewhere in this issue).

Also, your very lucid observation explains why military and civilian flights "over the pole" can be made daily, without producing the slightest evidence of this vast hole in the earth, whose perimeter they SKIRT, no matter what they ASSUME in their navigational procedure, due to the original error in assumption that what they are passing over is a POINT, and not a vast CIRCUMFERENCE which they touch at only one place, and then immediately deviate AWAY from its natural curve because they are traveling in a STRAIGHT LINE!

We want to thank you, too, for giving us some actual navigational and observational calculations which give us a more definite idea of the size of this hole! 2118 miles in diameter sounds to us to be a figure that fits into the many weird paradoxes of distance and illusion noted by many Arctic explorers.—Rap.

Dear Rap:

I remember my mother telling about there being a continent at the north pole when I was no more than 7 years old, if I was that old. That would have been about 1895. Where did she get the idea there is a continent at the north pole? From my aunt who called herself a natural healer. And be the information false or true, my aunt got from something she called "It." I myself could neither hear or see "It." But never-the-less while living with my aunt I had plenty of proof that my aunt could communicate with something invisible that she called "It."

When I first heard my mother telling about there being a continent at the north pole. I was too young to give it much consideration. I didn't know but what there was plenty of room at the north pole for a continent. As far as that was concerned I never did take into consideration that there is enough room on earth for a continent after the arctic circle is passed.

Either my aunt or some friend of hers drew a map of the supposed-to-be continent and it seems to me that a circle was drawn around the map. I am not sure that there was. And if a circle drawn around the map didn't give me the idea that the continent wasn't on a planet or satellite attached to the earth I don't know what did. Unless my aunt said it was a satellite attached to the earth either at or near the north pole. Anyway that is where I always thought the continent would be found; on a planet.

I finally decided that the problem was too much for me. If my aunt said there is a sun warmed continent surrounded by calm seas at the north pole, then there is a sun warmed continent surrounded by calm seas at the north pole. If not, then "It" was doing very well telling my aunt what ailed her patients. And many times predicting events that happened just like "It" said they would happen. And "It" hadn't better branch out. Never-the-less I always had hopes that one continent would be found at the north pole. Even if it never seemed reasonable to me. And when Cook and Peary claimed they reached the north pole without discovering any ice free continent with calm seas, I was a bit disappointed.

(Name Withheld)

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If you yourself had bothered to read more literature on current scientific development, as per your advice to David

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Dear Mr. Palmer:

Thank you for printing my request for information about the book "Smoky God" in Search Magazine. I received several answers regarding it. One person was so kind as to track down a copy for me, which I purchased.

The book is particularly interesting as it ties in with your article in the December issue of Flying Saucers about the land areas at the two poles. The story tells of a father and son, Scandinavian fishermen, who got lost on one of their trips near the North Pole and were rescued by some men of giant stature who took them to their country *inside the earth*. The father and son stayed in this place for 2 or 3 years and then wanted to return home. They were assisted by their hosts and set sail in their own boat, coming out of the interior of the earth at the South Pole.

The author of this book is George Willis Emerson. It was published in 1908, but the experiences recorded took place in the early 1800's. I understand there are copies to be found if you hunt for them.

Winifred Bartlett
71 Seventh Ave.
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Just read with much interest your article "Saucers from Earth" in the Dec. issue. The saucers themselves I will not talk about as I have no knowledge of them, and less proof. It is your theory of the shape of the earth that I am most interested in. I had never before noted the findings of Admiral Byrd, but it proves my own theory. Yours is that the earth is donut shaped, mine has been it is a sphere open at the poles. I never went into the mathematics to figure the size of the openings but all your evidence in your article strengthens the theory. As if you ran a pole through a ball and then withdrew it.

First thing to start my theory was the fact that gravity has its center at sea level. You go down in a mine and the gravity decreases after you pass sea level. The same as going down into the sea. That is a known fact. It pointed out to me that the earth must be hollow. Then news of the radiation belts. They are donut shaped. Any household experiment will show you, you don't get a donut shaped smoke ring or heat ring from a solid ball, it must have a hole in the middle. I am only a housewife so do not know any chemical terms to explain. But it seems to be as plain as the nose on your face the earth must, from nothing but these two facts, be a sphere with an opening at the poles. That would explain why Byrd went so far beyond the cold and known mileage. He simply went over the rim and into the inside of the earth as a fly goes up a glass and over the rim and into and down the inside. I wonder if someone would travel as the great explorers of old in a straight line if they would not go to the North Pole over the rim inside earth around inside and find themselves eventually coming over the rim and out at the South Pole.

Do you agree with me? It may discount your donut theory a little but not much. Ray, to get a donut shaped radiation belt, the object (earth) would have to be a little fuller in the middle. A donut you can go around two ways. A hollow sphere only one. I am not explaining this right but you will probably know what I mean. We have the same principal in mind just formed different. I surely do agree with the fact and am now more convinced than ever that earth is being lived

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Why don't you suggest the army or navy, when they get a balloon up to bounce radar on, angle it from the North Pole as known, to be reflected back to the unknown area, and see if they don't hit the hole in your donut, or my opening in the sphere?

Oh, Ray, before I close this mixed up letter, you were saying this proves some of the old legends. Will it not be proven by the Bible also? Will not we find Paradise is inside the earth? To quote Scripture, "God placed an angel with a flaming sword to the East to keep man from ever

returning." I often thought why just to the East, perhaps it was on some other planet and that the rotation would let someone approach from one direction only. Well, from the north pole you can only go south, inside or outside, so that would let you only one direction traveling in one pole and through and out the other, would it not? The earth is supposed to have turned on its axis sometime or the other. Perhaps that would let the old Bible characters call it the East pole. Their term of direction was always the Star in the East. Ours is of course the North point on the compass. I imagine it is the same point, and that is why according to the Bible God had only one direction to worry about. Bible also quotes rivers as flowing "out" not north, south or east. From the inside out.

Mrs. Patricia R. Barbe
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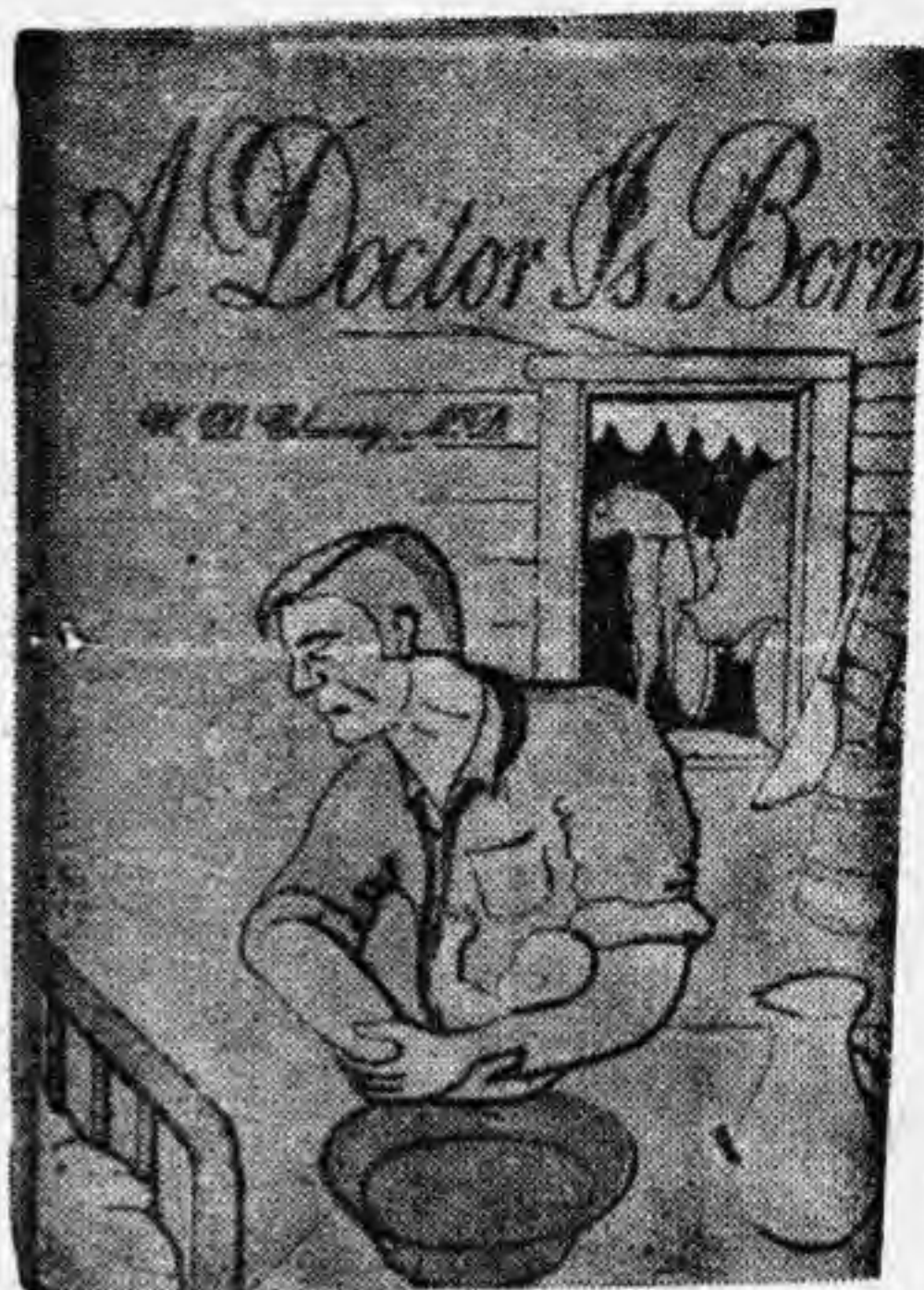
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